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MORE TROOPS TO RETURN.

JAPAN RESERVES FUTURE ACTION.

BRITISH BATTALIONS MAY SOON DEPART.

SHELL HITS COCKCHAFER.

Owing to the improved China situation, both Britain and Japan have decided to withdraw troops which were sent to garrison points where their nationals' interests were threatened. Japan is withdrawing her forces from Shantung, but issues a warning that they may be sent back, or to any other part of China, in case of need.

The First Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment is reported as likely to leave Shanghai shortly for Malta, on board H.M.S. Hermes, and it is stated that two further battalions, the 1st. Bedfords and Herts, and the 2nd. Border Regt., are likely to be sent back to the Mediterranean.

There has been further heavy firing on convoys on the Yangtsze, and field guns shelled H.M.S. Cockchafer, which returend the fire. She was hit by one shell, and a rating was wounded.

The Shanghai Defence Commissioner has requested all shipping companies to suspend their Yangtsze sailings, and thus avoid all danger from gunfire, announcing that he will not be responsible for any loss or damage sustained by those who disregard this warning.

There has been very little fighting reported during the last twenty-four hours, but troops are still being moved on an extensive scale in the Yangtsze area of hostilities.

ALL YANGTSZE SHIPPING WARNED.

Tokyo, Aug. 30.

The War Office has issued a statement to the effect that, owing to the stabilisation of the situation in Shantung, all the Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Tsingtao on September 7 and 8.

The Government has also issued a statement in which, after recalling the motive for despatching the troops, it expresses the conviction that "the timely despatch certainly accounts for the fact that notwithstanding such serious disturbances, we fortunately have been able to carry out the protection of our residents satisfactorily, and prevent the occurrence of any untoward event."

Will Return If Necessary.

It concludes with the warning, "In the event of peace and order being disturbed in the future, not only in the aforementioned district but in any part of China, where many Japanese reside, and it is feared that the safety of our residents may be affected, the Government may be constrained to take such self-defensive steps as the circumstances require."—*Reuter.*

BRITISH TROOPS RECALLED.

Further Reductions Likely.

Malta, Aug. 30.

The First Battalion of the Devon Regiment, at present at Shanghai, are expected here on October 10, probably abroad the aircraft-carrier Hermes, which will be thus restored to the Mediterranean fleet.

This will represent the first reduction of the Shanghai Defence Force, apart from the recall of the Indian Brigade, and may be followed by the sending back to Malta of the two battalions which left Malta for China.—*Reuter.*

The two battalions referred to are the First Battalion of the Bedford and Hertford Regiment and the Second Battalion of the Border Regiment, which left Malta for China at the end of January, on board the Megantic. Both are at present in Shanghai.

BRITISH WARSHIP HIT.

Heavy Fire From Field-Guns.

Wuhu, Aug. 30.

Field-guns, situated at a spot above Morrison Point, turned a heavy fire on convoys, which were travelling down the river, to-day. The bombardment was replied to by H.M.S. Cockchafer.

A shell found a billet in the Cockchafer, one rating receiving slight wounds, and superficial damage being done.—*Naval Wireless.*

ATTACK ON PENGPU?

Wuhan Troops Gather.

Anking, Aug. 30.

Wuhan troops are now here, and it is believed that an attack is to be made on Pengpu.—*Naval Wireless.*

TROOPS ON MOVE.

The Down River Trek.

Kiukiang, Aug. 30.

Troops are still making their way down the river.

Matung Bluff appears to be deserted.—*Naval Wireless.*

SOUTHERN DEFENCE.

Preparations at Nanking.

Nanking, Aug. 30.

For the purpose of getting ready a position some ten miles to the South of Nanking, a withdrawal of some troops has taken place.—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW CAUTIOUS.

"Wait and See" Policy.

Hankow, Aug. 30.

Nearly all the heads of departments of the Nationalist Government have left, and those who are still in office are waiting to see what transpires at Nanking.—*Naval Wireless.*

YANGTSZE SHIPPING.

Total Suspension Requested.

Shanghai, Aug. 31.

General Pai Tsung-hsi, the Defence Commissioner of Shanghai, has requested Mr. Yu Yah-ching, the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, to notify all Shipping Companies, owing to military operations up the river, temporarily to suspend Yangtsze sailings in order to avoid all possible danger from gunfire.

General Pai Tsung-hsi disclaims all responsibility for damage or loss sustained by any Company disregarding his warning.—*Reuter.*

MILL STRIKE EASED.

Shanghai Situation Better.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.

There are indications that the strike carried into operation by the mill hands is not so tense, the situation being easier.—*Naval Wireless.*

PILOT AS BANDIT?

FRENCHMAN ON GRAVE CHARGE.

ALLEGATION OF MURDER.

Commenting that it is as unusual for a European to become a professional bandit in the Far East as it is for an Asiatic to take up a like role in Europe, Indo-China papers report that the extraordinary case has been made public that one Maurice Alexis, a Frenchman living in Tonkin (the northern province of French Indo-China) recently gave up his occupation of a river-pilot to become an organized bandit, and in doing so, they allege, committed what they describe as one of the most revolting and cold-blooded murders recorded within recent times. According to reports in the Indo-China papers, the man was arrested some time ago, and his crime re-constructed by the police.

At the moment, we are without the facts to guide us as to the exact sequence of events which preceded Maurice Alexis' arrest, but of the alleged crime itself a detailed report is to hand, appearing in *L'Opinion* (Saigon), which declares that in committing himself to the murder of a fellow-Colonist, also a Frenchman, named Noel, Alexis displayed great deliberation, planning and carrying out the crime with cynical detail.

He took considerable pains, states the account from which we quote, to establish an *alibi* before the crime, and was equally patient and methodical, when leaving the scene of the murder with the corpse of his victim, to cover his tracks and exclude any clues that might connect him with the deed. His efforts were not quite successful, in that the Department of the Surete of Indo-China were able to trace and arrest him after the murder, and in a large measure to reconstruct the bandit's movements before and after the crime.

Body in Two Sacks.

It seems that towards the end of last month, the mysterious disappearance of the Frenchman Noel was cleared up by the recovery of his body from the Red River, into which it had apparently been thrown from a bridge called the Bridge of Soldiers.

A grilled frame was fished out of the river-bed. It enclosed two sacks which, when unwrapped, were found to contain the body of the missing Frenchman.

The following day officials of the Surete were busy unravelling the details of one of the most sensational murder cases within their recollection. These pointed, it is alleged, to the hand of Maurice Alexis, a river-pilot, as that which committed the dark deed, and they marvelled, the report continues, at the cold bloodedness of a man who could proceed about his grim task with so much deliberation.

The following allegations were made when he was brought to trial:

On the evening preceding the crime, it seems, Maurice Alexis went to Samson, where at the town of Thanh Hoa, he purchased two sacks in the same way that he had bought a length of rope at Hanoi and a grilled frame at Haiphong. Between these three towns a great deal of time must have been spent in travelling, but Alexis accomplished it with despatch, journeying mostly at night in a motor-car which he himself drove and looked after. It was remarked in this connexion that Alexis, on a point of caution, always carried out his designs single-handed, and in the present instance he neglected none of those details which would help to preserve the secrecy of his movements.

Elaborate Precautions.

In order to dispel possible suspicions, he appeared at intervals and dined publicly at Hanoi during the two days prior to the crime, but during the night, as his petrol consumption showed, was covering great distances in his motor-car to collect the various things which he considered were necessary for the carrying out of his plan, from towns widely apart.

His last public appearance was at Haiphong, a town situated two hundred miles from Hanoi, where he drove through the streets for some time, having dispensed with the services of a chauffeur. On the same night he induced his victim, M. Noel, to accompany him on a tour to Samson.

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BIAS BAY PIRACY.

ANOTHER HUGE HAUL REPORTED.

CHINA MERCHANTS SHIP SEIZED.

WARSHIPS ELUDED.

Foochow, Aug. 30.

Following the established methods of piracy in Chinese waters, a number of freebooters, ostensibly harmless passengers, seized control of the China Merchants passenger steamer Hsinchi—which sailed from Shanghai for Foochow on August 24—while the vessel was well out on the high seas.

The pirates forced the crew to paint out the vessel's name, and also and the funnels re-painted, so as to disguise her identity.

They compelled the captain to steer the vessel to Bias Bay, where they arrived on Saturday evening, and the pirates went ashore with six cases of treasure and one case of silk, as well as a quantity of cargo.

The compradore and one Chinese passenger were taken ashore as hostages.

Shelled By Forts.

After the pirates had disembarked, the Hsinchi left for Foochow, but on entering the Min river was fired upon from the Minkiang forts, as the vessel was not recognised. After an explanation she proceeded to Pagoda anchorage.

There was one foreign lady on board, but she was not molested.

It is noteworthy that while the pirate-manned ship was proceeding to Bias Bay, she passed British and French gunboats and other steamers, none of which suspected that anything was wrong.—*Reuter.*

Huge Haul Of Specie.

The above telegram explains a report received here yesterday to the effect that anxiety was felt for the safety of the Hsinchi, as she was three days overdue at Foochow. It was feared that she had been pirated, owing to her having a valuable amount of specie on board, said to be no less than $1,000,000 in value.

The local offices of the owners had no information beyond that the vessel was overdue.

In view of the report that six cases of treasure were taken ashore at Bias Bay, it is to be presumed that this represents the specie on board, and it will constitute the largest haul ever effected by the pirates of that notorious haunt.

An Old Vessel.

The Hsinchi is a steel screw vessel of 1,846 tons gross, built in 1892 by Napier, Shanks and Bell of Glasgow, and engined by Dunsmuir and Jackson with N.H.P. of 150. She was originally named Hsinchi, but was later changed to Sheng Yi, and then later again reverted to her original nomenclature.

Her dimensions are, length 260 feet, beam 37 feet, and moulded depth 21.3 feet, registered at Shanghai under the Chinese flag.

So far as can be ascertained, she has not visited Hongkong within recent years.

Although it is impossible to ascertain the names of the officers and the compradore of the pirated vessel, from the local office, it is believed that the master is Captain Hansen, of Norwegian nationality, an employee of many years standing.

Value of Specie $100,000.

The figure of a million dollars given as the value of specie carried by the Hsinchi is proved to have been an exaggeration, it being learned from official quarters that the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Hsinchi left Shanghai on August 24 carrying specie amounting to $100,000, *en route* for Foochow.

The official report adds: She has now arrived at Foochow having been pirated and taken to Bias Bay. The compradore and one Chinese passenger have been detained by the pirates for ransom.

ARGENTINE LOAN.

OVERSUBSCRIBED IN NEW YORK.

New York, Aug. 30.

The Argentine loan, for refunding the debt on the Argentine State Railways, underwritten here, has been oversubscribed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE SHARE CASE.

WAS SCRIP SOLD OR NOT?

ACCOUNTANT'S EVIDENCE.

Further evidence was taken at the Supreme Court this morning, in the case in which Mr. M. A. Razack, the local sharebroker, claims $33,818.98 from Mr. P. N. Cooper.

The case for the plaintiff was continued to-day, when Mr. Seth, of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, gave evidence of the April settlement in 1925.

Witness said he was requested by the Sharebrokers' Association to take charge of Mr. Razack's business in connexion with the April settlement. On that settlement Mr. Cooper was due to take up 700 Lands and 100 Docks. Witness sold shares for Mr. Razack, but did not get the price asked. He had to sell them to carry through the settlement.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, counsel for the defendant, witness said instructions to carry through the settlement were given to him verbally by the secretary of the Association. He believed Mr. Kew held the position in that year.

Mr. Jenkin: To whom did you sell the shares?—I can't remember now, Mr. Jenkin.

Settlement Statement.

Did you put through the sales yourself or did you employ another broker?—I gave instructions to Mr. Razack's brother to get them sold. You will understand that at that time people were rushing in and out all the time with shares. I could not sell them, as I am not a member of either Exchange.

Can you say whether brokerage was charged?—All I was concerned with was geting the money in to carry through the settlement. I did not check up the account or anything in connexion with the shares.

What money did you get in?—The settlement statement will probably show it.

A document was handed to the witness, and some argument followed on what the statement indicated. Mr. Jenkin said it showed what had been credited to the defendant, but that was a different thing to showing what was received. He did not take it on its face value. He suspected that the shares were not sold at all, and that there had been a little bit of accountancy.

Mr. Seth explained that the shares might have been repurchased and then sold again.

Mr. Jenkin said that before that could be done it would have to be found whether the shares could be sold in the market at the figure.

The Broker's Right.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said the only right a broker had when a client could not take up or deliver shares was to sell against him. He could not come to some hole-in-the-corner arrangement with someone else. He was asking to be satisfied that the shares were sold.

Witness said the shares had been bought from three brokers. They had to pay them either by set-off or cash. It was impossible for him to remember exactly what happened.

Mr. Jenkin: Having been instructed to take over Mr. Razack's business, you left it to the people in Mr. Razack's office to put through the settlement, and you merely collected.

Mr. Seth. No, I actually handled the scrip and signed cheques.

Mr. Jenkin: There was no sale at all? With all respect, that is not so.

Can you tell us what sale took place? When we found that Mr. Cooper was not in a position or did not intend to take up the shares, we had to sell to someone at the best price we could get.

Sold in the Market.

I am saying that the shares were not sold at the best price—So long as we were covered I don't suppose we cared what price we got, so long as we could get through the Settlement.

Were attempts made on the market to get a price for these Lands and Docks?—I don't suppose there was a price on settlement day. It is extremely difficult to get one.

Did you give any instructions for the sale of the shares?—I told one of the Razacks to sell in the market.

Did you give instructions that shares were to be sold at the best price?—Yes.

Did Razack report to you that he had sold them?—Yes.

The case is proceeding.

THE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

PRACTICALLY A CERTAINTY FOR NOTTS.

LANCASHIRE LOSES ESSENTIAL POINTS.

MOST EXCITING FINISH.

A most exciting finish to the County Championship tussle is disclosed in the telegrams to hand to-day, and the result is even now in doubt.

Lancashire only scored five points against Leicester, which makes her percentage figure 68.75. This is the last match Lancashire has to play.

Notts won easily against Derby, bringing its percentage up to 70.83. But Notts has another match to play (which begins at Swansea to-day against Glamorgan) and if Notts losses that match outright she will drop her percentage down below that of Lancashire. If Notts can either win, gain first innings' points, share the points, or even concede first innings' points to Glamorgan she wins the Championship for the first time in 20 years. Only a complete defeat can rob her of that honour.

REMARKABLE BOWLING ANALYSES.

There were some remarkable performances both with bat and ball, and, for the first time for many weeks, rain did not interfere with play.

The best individual performances were:—

Batting.

Hammond (Gloucester)	193
Hearne (Middlesex)	167
Wykes (Essex)	162
Payton (Notts)	136
Shipman (Leicester)	120
Wyatt (Warwick)	117
Ashdown (Kent)	117
Watson (Lancs.)	111
Woolley (Kent)	101
Storer (Derby)	106

Bowling.

Kennedy (Hampshire)	7 for 8
Fender (Surrey)	7 for 10
Hearne (Middlesex)	8 for 39
Parker (Gloucester)	7 for 61
and	8 for 112
Kilner (Yorks)	5 for 81

SURREY WIN.

Fender's Fine Bowling.

London, Aug. 30.

Playing at home at Lords, Middlesex lost to Surrey by five wickets. The scores were:—

Middlesex, 54 and 322 for nine wickets (declared).
Surrey, 149 and 229 for five wickets.

The sensational feature of Middlesex's first innings was the bowling of Fender, who took seven wickets for only 10 runs. In their second innings, however, Middlesex put up a big score, thanks mainly to Hearne, who contributed 167 (not out).

In Surrey's first innings, the batsmen failed to make a stand, Hearne doing the damage by taking eight wickets for 39 runs. Surrey was able to knock up the runs set them, the best scores being by Hobbs with 54 and Sandham with 55.

WONDERFUL BOWLING.

By Kennedy of Hampshire.

Playing at Portsmouth, Hampshire easily disposed of Warwick, winning by nine wickets. The scores were:

Warwick, 364 and 36.
Hampshire, 352 and 51 for one wicket.

In Warwick's first innings, Wyatt made 117. The remarkably low score in the second innings was attributable to the wonderful bowling of Kennedy, who took seven wickets for only eight runs.

There was apparently no very outstanding individual score for Hampshire.

HAMMOND AGAIN.

Nearly a Double Century.

Playing at Gloucester, Gloucestershire easily defeated Northamptonshire by an innings and 11 runs. The scores were:—

Northants, 124 and 259.
Gloucester, 394.

In bowling against Northants, Parker was successful in both innings, taking seven wickets for 61 runs in the first and eight for 112 in the second.

Hammond, the Gloucester big hitter, hit up 193.

NOTTS KEEPS LEAD.

Easy Win Over Derby.

Playing away at Ilkeston, Notts defeated Derbyshire by nine wickets. The scores were:—

Derby, 149 and 258.
Notts, 353 and 47 for one wicket.

For Derby, Storer made 106, and for Notts, Payton was the highest scorer with 136 to his credit.

POINTS FOR GLAMORGAN.

Unlucky Somerset.

Playing at home at Cardiff, Glamorgan gained first innings points from Somerset. The scores were:—

Somerset, 122 and 353 for nine wickets (declared).
Glamorgan, 182 and 52 for the loss of no wickets.

YORKSHIRE WIN.

Good Work By Kilner.

Playing at Brighton, Sussex went down badly to Yorkshire, the visitors winning by nine wickets. The scores were:—

Sussex, 221 and 120.
Yorkshire, 302 and 43 for one wicket.

The only outstanding performance in the match, was the taking of five wickets for 21 runs by Roy Kilner.

ALL-IMPORTANT MATCH.

Leicester Holds Lancs.

Three days were not enough to finish the all-important Lancashire v. Leicester match, Lancashire having to be content with five points for a lead on the first innings. The match was played at Leicester, and the scores were:—

Leicester, 268 and 290 for six wickets.
Lancashire, 301.

There were two centuries scored, Shipman for Leicester making 120, and Watson for Lancashire compiling 111.

BIG SCORING.

Kent's Superiority.

Playing at Leyton, Kent defeated Essex by 130 runs. The scores were:—

Kent, 225 and 388 for seven wickets (declared).
Essex, 360 and 123.

In Kent's second innings, there were two centuries, Ashdown scoring 117 and Woolley 101.

For Essex, Wykes made 162 in the first innings.—*Reuter.*

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SHAUKIWAN MURDER.

EVIDENCE OF DECEASED'S NEPHEW.

Yesterday afternoon the magisterial hearing was continued of the charge of murder against the two Chinese arrested in connexion with the death of Mrs. Mackay, who was attacked and robbed near Shaukiwan.

Giving evidence Walter Eckert said he came from Shanghai and arrived here on July 22. Describing the incidents before the murder, he said that one of the two assailants was noticeably taller than the other. He said it was not so dark but that he could see that the taller man was dressed in a dark coat and what appeared to be white trousers. The smaller of the two was dressed in dark blue cloth, but the taller one had the darker coat of the two.

The two men passed witness and Mrs. Mackay and when witness reached the third flight of the steps at the top of the path they saw the men coming up behind them. He turned round and the two men walked off, but soon retraced their steps and got up to Mrs. Mackay and witness when they had reached the top of the bridge.

Witness said that the taller man pushed him into the nullah on the right side of the bridge. He was not injured. He had a glimpse of the smaller man running towards his aunt from behind, but could not say whether this man was armed. He heard Mrs. Mackay say something in Chinese. When witness got to the top of the bridge again the two men were "disappearing round the corner."

Continuing, witness said "My aunt was sitting down on the bridge and was putting on one of her shoes. She used only one arm as with the other she supported herself on the ground. Her hat and umbrella were on the ground and her bag was missing. The tall man had seized the grip from me when he pushed me over. My aunt said to me, "they have stabbed me and taken all my money." She then placed her hand over her injuries and indicated their positions to me. Bending down and still pressing one hand over her abdomen, she walked up the hill. Half way between the bridge and the corner she fell down.

Agonies Described.

"I helped her up on her feet and we proceeded a few more yards. When we reached the corner of the path, I picked up a suitcase and a bathing suit which had dropped out. I have since found out that my towel was missing from it. I picked up my hat from the same spot. At some other point, my aunt's hangbag was also recovered. She fell down again after a few paces and I again helped her up. She struggled along with her arm on my shoulder. She finally collapsed after walking twenty yards in this manner. It was then that she requested me to look into the bag to see if there was any money inside. I found there was only 10 cents.

"When I got my bathing suit, she told me to tie it around her waist. I tried to do so, but it was too short. She then made the ends meet and held it together around her waist with her left hand. I was told to go for assistance and before my aunt collapsed, she gave me her watch. I left her propped up by the right side of the road and went for assistance. When I returned with Mr. Davidson later, she was already dead. I found her on the spot I left her. I could not identify either defendant."

Three Divorce Division judges held a special sitting at the London Law Courts recently and disposed of 75 cases during the morning.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

REPORTED TO HAVE PASSED THROUGH HONGKONG.

A rumour was current in the Colony yesterday to the effect that Chiang Kai-shek had arrived on board the French mail Chenonceaux and was on his way to Europe, having booked to Marseilles. The news first came from a Shanghai passenger on board who was certain that the late chief of the Nationalist forces was among a number of thirdclass Chinese passengers, travelling as students.

A newspaper representative who visited both the liner and the local office of the Messageries failed to confirm the presence of the Field Marshal on board. Certain it was that he was not travelling under his own name, and also not under that of Chiang Chung-ching, which he has assumed on several occasions in the past. The only name in the passenger list at all approaching that of Chiang Kai-shek was that Tchen Tsou-siang.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

ENTRIC FEVER STILL PREVALENT.

Eight cases of infectious disease were notified to the Medical Officer of Health last week. No less than six were of enteric fever, one diphtheria and one puerperal fever. The enteric sufferers included two British and one Portuguese, all the others being Chinese. There were two deaths—one from diphtheria and one from enteric fever. Thre was one death from influenza, which is not a notifiable disease.

Yesterday's return contained two Chinese cases of puerperal fever.

ALPINE DISASTER.

THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF VICTIMS.

Charmonix, Aug. 30.

Twelve thousand persons including tourists followed the coffins of the victims of the Alpine railway accident to the station after the funeral services at the hospital. Nine coffins were entrained, the remainder being interred in the local cemetery. The Minister for the Colonies presented a gold medal to the conductor of the second car.—*Reuter.*

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

ADOPTION OF SYSTEM FOR WRECK MARKING.

The following Notice to Mariners, No. 481, has been issued by the local authorities under date August 30.

It is notified for information that the following system of marking wrecks will be adopted in future.

By day...By a green flag.

By Night...By a green light in a vertical line over a white light.

Sir Burton Chadwick, replying to Mr. W. M'Lean Watson, in the House of Commons in mail week, who asked whether it was the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to give effect to the findings of the Royal Commission on Mining Subsidence during the life-time of the present Parliament, said the recommendations of the committee would require much more attention than had yet been given to them. It was impossible at the moment to say more than that they would receive the fallest consideration.

HANKOW TO-DAY.

MORE DEPRESSED AND GLOOMY THAN EVER.

Recent advices from Hankow indicate that the Wuhan area is more depressed and gloomy than ever. Central Bank notes have fallen to 220-240; business is practically at a standstill; and the native community is driven to despair, constantly being forced to tender change for paper money which is at such a heavy discount.

Lately, due to rumours of military reverses, the Chinese have been flocking into the foreign areas with their household belongings—the rush is said to be the biggest ever seen.

Shops and Stores Closed.

Most of the native shops and stores are closed. Various notices are exhibited outside these closed premises. One states that as the occupiers have departed, the public is at liberty and is welcome to search the premises and take anything that can be found. Another notice states that as the establishment has absolutely nothing to sell, and as stocks cannot be replenished, the proprietors have left the district for the time being.

The Food Markets.

Very little indeed is being offered for sale at the usual markets for the sale of fresh vegetables, meat, fish, etc. Country dealers, apparently, are unwilling to risk the conveyance of their products through military occupied areas, and also are unwilling to be forced to accept paper currency in payment for their supplies. No pork or beef whatever is on sale.

The difficulty of obtaining food supplies has become very acute and is affecting both Chinese and foreign members of the community.

Another sign of the pathetic fate of Hankow is the complete absence from the streets of the usual itinerant sellers. Usually these may be seen offering their goods all over the place, now one never is seen.

Raids for Food.

In search of food many shops have been ransacked again and again, and not only by soldiers. Stocks of rice and flour have almost, if not altogether, been exhausted, and if relief by the importation of further stocks is not quickly forthcoming, an extremely serious situation must be created.

The foreign community is said to have a certain stock of tinned foods, which is being utilized during the present crisis, but the impossibility of procuring fresh vegetables is a very serious matter and efforts to obtain supplies from down river are being made.—*N. C. D. News.*

SURTAXES POSTPONED.

"IN VIEW OF EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES."

Shanghai, Aug. 30.

It is officially announced that the Nationalist Government has decided "in view of the existing circumstances, temporarilly to postpone the enforcement of surtaxes." It is understood that the Nanking Foreign Minister is sending a despatch to the Diplomatic representatives in Peking in the foregoing sense.—*Reuter.*

Professor Lorenz, of Leyden University, was re-elected President, and Professor Gilbert Murray, of Oxford University, Vice-President, of the League International Committee for intellectual co-operation. Among other members are Professor Einstein, Mme. Curie, Sir J. Chandra Bose (Calcutta University), and Mlle. Bonnevie (Oslo University), the second woman member.

OBITUARY.

RUSSIAN CHAPLAIN IN SHANGHAI.

The Rev. E. P. Yakhonpoff, priest of the Broadway Orthodox Russian Church, died in Shanghai on Wednesday of last week of heart trouble.

Deceased was of pure Russian blood and member of the older Russian *regime.* He attended a military academy and later joined the Imperial Guards. At the conclusion of his military service he entered the Church coming to Vladivostok in 1919 and to Shanghai in 1923. Since the organization of the Russian Co., S. V. C. he has been chaplain of the unit.

CORRESPONDENT EXPELLED.

TASS AGENT DISTORTS TRUTH OF COMMUNIST RIOTS.

Paris, August 30.

The papers announce that M. Froune, the Paris correspondent of the Soviet news agency *Tass,* has been expelled from France because he sent to Moscow telegrams putting the recent communist disturbances in quite an incorrect light. The authorities intend to take occasionally severe measures toward any foreign journalist who distorts the realities.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN AND THE LEAGUE.

SIR AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN LEAVES.

London, August 30.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has left for Geneva to attend a meeting of the Council of the Assembly of the League of Nations. In an interview he regretted the absence of Viscount Cecil which he thought was entirely unnecessary. It is learned that Lord Onslow will probably carry out Lord Cecil's work with the League of Nations.—*Reuter.*

ADRIFT FOR TEN DAYS.

PICKED UP BY B. I. STEAMER.

When the B.I. steamer Santhia arrived at Singapore from Yokohama, bound for Rangoon, her master, Capt. A. D'Cruz, reported that they picked up a boat containing two men at sea at 8.45 p.m. on the 18th inst.

According to the men's statement, they came from near Saigon and had been blown out to sea. They stated that they had been adrift for about ten days.

In the House of Commons in mail week, Sir Philip Sassoon, in answer to Mr. Thurtle, said he was not in a position to make a statement on the results of the test operations which had just taken place in connexion with the aerial defence of London. Mr. Thurtle asked whether it was not a fact that in actual warfare the population of London would have suffered immense casualties. Sir Philip Sassoon was understood to say that he must leave that to th hon. gent's judgment. The "bombardment" of London from the air ceased at the end of July. In three days attacking "Eastland" forces made seventy raids on the capital and hundreds of bombs were dropped by day and night. While the enemy air craft suffered heavy casualties they had the better of matters, being helped to a large extent by the weather.

Late the third night the weather clerk allied himself with the defenders. Earlier in the evening, however, six raids were launched, four of which reached their objective without being intercepted.

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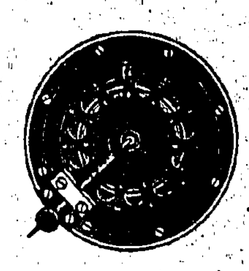

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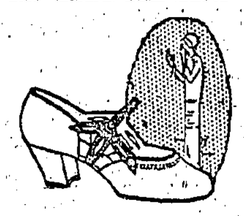

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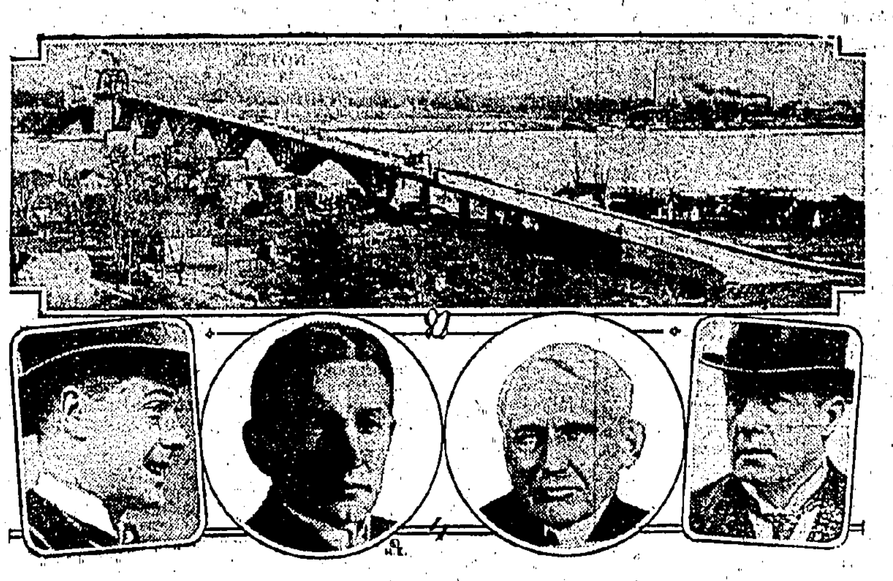
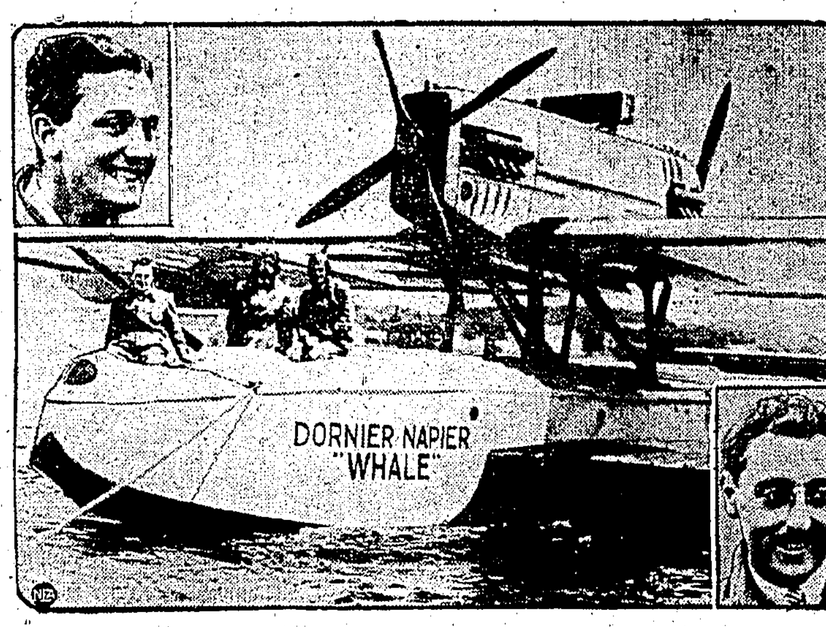


CANADIAN PEACE BRIDGE.—The new peace bridge connecting Buffalo, N. Y., and Fort Erie, Canada, has been completed and was dedicated on Aug. 6. Below are (left to right) the Prince of Wales, Vice President Dawes, Secretary of State Kellogg and Premier Stanley Baldwin, who assisted in the ceremony. The bridge is to commemorate the 100 years of peace between the United States and Canada, and serve as a reminder that there are no fortifications on either side of the border from coast to coast.

WINNING TEAM IN SHANGHAI COMPETITION.—Team representing the Clay Pigeon Club, who were successful in retaining the trophy presented by Messrs. Nobel Industries, Ltd. for inter-club competition, at Shanghai.

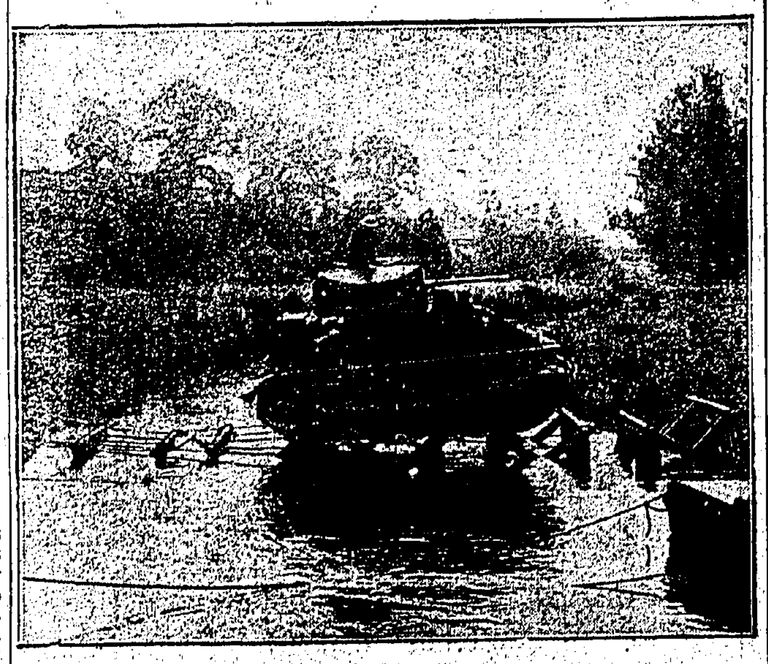
CANADIAN STONE-LAYING.—Viscount Willingdon, Governor General of Canada, is shown as he lays the cornerstone of the first Canadian Departmental building, in Ottawa. The group is to be known as "Confederation Block," and will cost several millions of dollars.



WHEN WILL COURTNEY START.—Captain Courtney (lower inset) and his Dornier-Napier "Whale." Inset above is Navigator Downey and centering the group of three aboard the "Whale" is E. F. Little, engineer. They are to attempt a flight to New York from Ireland, and back, but bad weather has held them up.

HURDLING CHAMPION.—This remarkable action study in "sprinting faces" shows Lord Burghley, left, fighting out the the last 50 yards of the 220-yard-hurdles with Kiesselherst, of Yale, during the Oxford-Cambridge versus Harvard-Yale track meet held recently in London. His lordship won.

A NEW YORK STRIKE—Here are typical scenes and figures in New York's latest subway strike. At left is Frank Hedley, president of the Interborough subway system. Then, from top to bottom: Group of strikebreakers awaiting the call to man trains; a strikebreakers' restaurant created to meet the emergency; a scene from the subway school being conducted for new crews.



THE NEW MECHANIZED FORCE.—A heavy tank crossing the River Avon near Amesbury, by means of wooden "stepping stones," during the demonstration which was given by the newly-formed Experimental Mechanized Force for the benefit of staff College officers, recently. (*Times* copyright).

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T. P. SAUNDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL.

CAUSEWAY BAY.

The above school will re-open on Monday, 5th September at 9 a.m. The evening class for Shorthand will start on Thursday, 8th September, at 5.30 p.m.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Seventh Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1920 issue—$500. each) of the Hongkong Club, payable on Friday, the 30th September, 1927, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, the 8th September, 1927.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1927.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

In terms of Debenture Conditions Nos. 12, 13 and 14, Notice is hereby given that the Drawing of 20 Additional Debentures (1920 issue—$500. each) of the Hongkong Club, payable on Saturday, the 31st March, 1928, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Thursday, the 8th September, 1927, immediately after the Seventh Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1927.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

PROSPECT PLACE, BONHAM ROAD.

School will re-open Monday, September 12th. Examination for New Boys, Saturday, September 10th, at 9.30 a.m. For Prospectus for Boarders and Day-boys, apply

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE,
Prospect Place, Bonham Rd.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

The next Session of the General Chamber of Commerce CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL opens on Monday, 5th September.

Classes are held at Chartered Bank Building (First Floor) from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m., and each student has the services of a personal teacher in addition to lessons in class.

Those desirous of learning colloquial CANTONESE are invited to communicate with the undersigned.

M. F. KEY,
Secretary,
General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, August 25, 1927.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Applications for affiliation to the above Association must reach the undersigned by the 31st accompanied by the necessary fee of Two Dollars. Newly affiliating Clubs One Dollar entrance fee extra.

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Applications for admission to the above League must reach the undersigned on or before the 31st August, accompanied by the entrance fee of Twenty Dollars. No Club can be admitted to the Hongkong Football Association.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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At Godown Nos. 9 and 10, The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

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TRAFFIC IN VICE.

CHINESE HOTEL IN TROUBLE.

Statements which throw light on the traffic in vice in the Colony were made at the Central Police Court this morning when the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs instituted proceedings against Yu To-sang, the proprietor of the Meichow Hotel, a large establishment recently opened in Des Voeux Road Central, for allowing, it was alleged, his premises to be used for an immoral purpose.

A young Chinese woman, who was produced as a witness by Inspector Shaftain, said that she was one of a number of girls maintained at a brothel in Wing Shing Street. On August 26, in the evening, she was sent to the Meichow Hotel and was introduced by a room-boy to a man who occupied Room No. 301. This was in accordance with a system or arrangement made with the room-boys of the hotel by which nearly 50 per cent. of her earnings were divided amongst the latter, and the remainder in equal amounts between her mistress and herself.

Replying to the Magistrate, she said that she had made ten similar visits to the Hotel prior to the evening in question. She did not suggest that the management of the Hotel received any percentage of the money earned on these visits.

A district watchman said it was he who sent the room boy for the girl under instructions from Inspector Shaftain. He engaged her in conversation until the latter arrived at the Hotel.

Mr. L. D. Turner, for the defence, in criticising what he described as an official "trap," disclaimed the responsibility of the proprietor for the offence, as all reasonable precautions had been taken.

Inspector Shaftain pointed out that under the Ordinance the management of the hotel were accountable for the acts of their servants.

His Worship stated that the only point left for him to consider was the gravity of the offence and the fixing of the penalty accordingly. He had to consider if this was a solitary offence which might easily escape the attention of the management, or whether it was one of many similiar offences, amounting to the system alleged by the prosecution. He proposed to adjourn the case for consideration of the point.

MAHARAJAH'S LONG RULE.

A CELEBRATION AT MYSORE.

Mysore, Aug. 8:—The Maharaja completed the 25th year of his rule to-day. A special durbar was held when people of the State presented an address to His Highness, who was seated on the historic throne. Sir Puttanna Chetty read an address which enumerated the developments that have taken place in the State since the succession of the Maharaja and of His Highness. The Maharaja's reply, which was broadcast broughout the State, was brief. He said that while life lasted he would endeavour to promote the welfare and prosperity of the people. Pandit Motilal Mehru and Mr. Devadas Gandhi were among the visitors.

Pandit Motilal acknowledging the reception given by the local Congress committee urged Mysoreans to help the people of British India in the struggle for Swaraj by vigorously taking up a constructive programme. He urged subjects of the State to raise the question of Indian states at the next Congress.

Madras, Aug. 8.—In the silver jubilee special number of the *Hindu* Mr. Gandhi wishes the Maharaja of Mysore many happy years of useful service to his people.

ARMS SEIZURE IN RANGOON.

COMBINED RAID ALSO REVEALS CONTRABAND.

Rangoon, Aug. 9.—A combined raid of Police and Excise was made this morning on three houses in Tseekai Maung Tawlay Street, as a result of information that there was a large stock of arms and contraband in several rooms of the building adjoining the premises occupied by the late Meshedi Khan.

The raiding party consisted of the Deputy Superintendent and a large posse of Police, and the Superintendent of Excise and others.

One party searched No. 214 and found a serviceable revolver and a number of dangerous weapons.

The other party searched two rooms and found three sealed trunks containing close on 6,000 *tolas* of ganja and a quantity of *charas*.

A number of arrests were made by both parties and the efficiency of the raid reflects the greatest credit on the parties concerned.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

The parcels post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtsze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

Parcels for places in Szechwan will now be accepted for transmission at senders' risk. It is to be noted that parcels are liable to delay, and that the service may be suspended again at any time.

RADIO NOTICES.

It is notified for information that a new shortwave commercial wireless service was opened on July 28rd between Hongkong and the Philippines for the exchange of ordinary, deferred and press telegrams.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due.
Japan	Tanda	August 31.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London, 4th August, and parcels, 28th July)	Khyber	September 1.
Straits	Nagpore	September 1.
Shanghai	Morea	September 2.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	September 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow	Soochow	Wed. Aug. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chungkong	Wed., Aug. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjitaroem	Wed., Aug. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Snarland	Wed., Aug. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Wed., Aug. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Wed., Aug. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Wed., Aug. 31, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Halvard	Wed., Aug. 31, 5 p.m.
Straits	Cremer	Thurs., Sept. 1, 10 a.m.
Dairen	Kathe	Thurs., Sept. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fooksang	Thurs., Sept. 1, Parcels noon, Letters 1 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Sept. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Fri., Sept. 2, noon
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tanda	Fri., Sept. 2, Parcels noon, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 17th Sept.).
Shanghai, *Japan and Europe via Siberia	Khyber	Fri., Sept. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Morea	Sat., Sept. 3, K.P.O. Parcels 2nd 4.30 p.m., Reg. 3rd 9 a.m., Letters 3rd 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 2nd 5 p.m., Reg. 3rd 9.45 a.m., Letters 3rd 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 30th September).
Japan	Talthybius	Sat., Sept. 3, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Chip Shing	Sat., Sept. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	Sun., Sept. 4, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Mon., Sept. 5, Parcels noon, Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	Tues., Sept. 6, noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Perseus	Tues., Sept. 6, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 7th October.)
Swatow	Chaksang	Wed., Sept. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Lai Sang	Thurs., Sept. 8, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang	Sat., Sept. 10, 1.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

WATER LEVELS.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG.
WATERLEVELS IN ENGLISH FEET.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. on record	Lowest W.L. on record	W. L. 29/8	W. L. 30/8
West River at Shiuhing	+41'.0	0'	+18.0*	rising
North River at Tsingyuen	+28'.7	0'	+ 8.8†	falling
North River at Samshui	+27'.3	—5'	+13.0	rising
East River at Sheklung	+15'.2	—3'	+ 6.0	+ 5.4

* For the 26th., † For the 25th.

GIANT LONDON OMNIBUS.

SIX WHEELS AND 104 PASSENGERS.

A giant omnibus—stated to be the largest in the world—attracted much attention when it arrived at Scotland Yard recently to undergo official tests.

It has been built by the Associated Equipment Company, Ltd., and will be used at present for conveyance of their employees between Walthamstow and the works in Windmill-lane, Southall, Middlesex.

The chief innovation is a safety ladder from the front part of the covered top deck. In case of need, a door at the side near the front can be opened and passengers can descend.

Another addition is the covered-in stairway leading to the top deck.

Fitted with six wheels and pneumatic tyres, the omnibus, which one spectator named "the Street Liner," will carry 104 passengers, which is double the number carried in the present type of London General covered-in omnibus. The new vehicle is slightly less than 30ft. long, and is 7ft. 2in. wide.

The Associated Equipment Co., Ltd., build the London General omnibuses, and it is understood that if this new giant type passes the Scotland Yard tests it will not be long before it is seen in public use on the London streets.

A GAMBLER'S END.

WILD MONTE CARLO SCENE.

Nice, July 26.

After losing heavily at the gaming tables, a Monte Carlo visitor of Jugo-Slavian nationality poured the contents of a can of petrol on the casino table, and attempted to set fire to it with a cigarette lighter.

Attendants arrived just in time to prevent a blaze among the counters and coins, which in the crowded room might have had serious consequences, but the would-be incendiary, whose name is given as Radomilo Kostich, whipped out a revolver and fired recklessly round the room, fortunately hitting no one.

Panic ensued, and several people were trampled on in a rush for the door.

Kostich seeing himself surrounded by attendants, jumped backwards and threw himself out of a window on to the terrace 25 feet below, breaking his leg and causing internal injuries from which he died yesterday in hospital.

WOMAN DRIVER'S TWO LICENCES.

"ONE FOR ENDORSING; ONE TO CARRY ABOUT."

The story of how a point duty policeman had to jump to safety out of the way of a woman motorist was told at Chester-le-Street, County Durham, when Maud F. Forster, of Woodslea, Clayton-road, Newcastle, was charged with driving dangerously and failing to give audible warning.

It was stated that the woman cut in between a lorry and the point duty policeman at cross-roads at Birtley, causing the officer to jump out of her way, and that one wheel passed over the grating on which he had been standing. It was further alleged that when she cut in she smiled at him.

In the witness-box the constable said that she told him she got two licences every year, one for driving with and one for keeping in the house.

Mr. E. F. Lambert (prosecuting): It seems that she gets one for endorsing and one for carrying about. Lady drivers are rather inclined to drive too quickly, and seem to be victims of speed mania. I am usually a great supporter of the opposite sex, but in this case I am against them.

The woman was fined £6.

DEATH DRAMA OF FILM WRITER.

"I'M DYING!" CRY IN THEATRE.

New York, July 29.

During the final act of a drama 18th Street Theatre, New York, was thrown into a turmoil last night by a cry from the audience, "I'm dying, mother! I'm dying!"

Actors halted uncertainly, while attendants rushed forward and carried from the theatre a woman who had apparently fainted. Physicians found that she had died instantly from heart disease.

She was Miss June Mathis, who, at the age of 35, was known as the highest-salaried woman executive in the cinema world.

The daughter of a theatrical family she abandoned the stage for scenario writing and in a short while became one of the best-known screen writers. She adapted such books as "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and "Ben-Hur" for the films; served as a director; and was credited with discovering Rudolph Valentino.

Impressed with his work as an "extra" she selected him for "The Four Horsemen," his first great success. He always attributed his subsequent fortune to her choice.

WOMAN SOLD FOR £35,

AND A GIRL BOUGHT BY RICH ARGENTINE.

Barcelona, July 29.

A few days ago a woman was sold in Barcelona, changing hands at a price of about £35.

Yesterday an Italian was arrested at Gerbere on a charge of negotiating a similar deal.

Levet Bellino went to Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1921, accompanied by Catalina Meunier. A rich Argentine proposed to Bellino to purchase Catalina for 60,000 francs, and the transaction was effected in a few hours.

Bellino returned to Marseilles, where he married a girl who quickly accounted for his money. He resolved to return to South America with the object of blackmailing the rich Argentine and obtained 12,000 francs and a passage for Europe. He disembarked at Barcelona and was arrested on his arrival at the French frontier.

SHIP SURGERY MARVEL.

YOUNG DOCTOR'S CRUDE IMPLEMENTS.

MIDNIGHT OPERATION.

Details of a feat of surgery off Cape Horn, carried out under almost incredible conditions with scissors, a safety-pin, bent spoons, clothes-pegs, and meat-hooks as implements, but ending in success, were told to a *Daily Mail* reporter by the officers and crew of the Commonwealth and Dominion Line steamer Port Auckland recently as she moved into deck at Woolwich.

The central figure is a young New Zealand surgeon who was on his way to England for the first time. He is Dr. A. S. Hethrington, just 25, who studied medicine at Dunedin University.

As the ship was about to round Cape Horn on June 28 this young surgeon found that a fireman, A. J. Merton, had appendicitis.

Although he had no implements and no qualified assistants, Dr. Hethrington decided that an operation was imperative. In the rough sea the ship was rolling heavily, but the engines were stopped and the dining saloon was chosen as an operating theatre. Arc lights were brought and assistants called for.

Only Woman On Board.

Among the half-dozen passengers was an Englishwoman, Miss Swindell, the only woman on board, who during the war had had some experience as a V.A.D. She and two of the officers were the surgeon's assistants.

To administer the anaesthetic a tea strainer was covered with a towel, and this was placed over the patient's nose. Ether and chloroform were sprinkled from a bottle until the patient was unconscious and throughout the operation, which lasted from midnight till nearly 3 a.m., the surgeon had to watch the eyes of his patient to see that he was not coming round, ordering more anaesthetic from time to time.

The cut was made with great difficulty, with a small pair of scissors, the patient's tongue was fastened by means of a safety-pin struck through it, and the wound was kept open by means of bent spoons. Clothes-pegs and meat-hooks were also employed. Down below in the kitchen the cook, Mr. Ricardo, kept his ovens at boiling heat for hours sterilising the instruments.

The operation completed, the patient was carried through narrow passages—a task of the greatest difficulty with the boat rolling and tossing—to his cabin. The wound quickly healed, but pneumonia and bronchitis set in.

Miss Swindell nursed the patient, day and night, back to health, and, as one of the officers said, "she and the doctor undoubtedly saved his life."

The Coolest Man.

When a *Daily Mail* reporter climbed aboard he found the officers and crew full of admiration for the splendid work of Dr. Hethrington. One of the officers who took part in the operation said:

It was a tremendous responsibility to take, but the doctor was the coolest man on board. He thought everything out and took every precaution. He was confidence itself.

During the operation he pointed out to me exactly what he was doing. Miss Swindell, too, was great, and stuck it like a brick.

Down below the patient was strolling about in perfect health. A bronzed Irishman, as strong as a horse, Mr. Merton said:

The doctor told me of the risk, but I never doubted his ability to pull me through. His confidence inspired me. I wrote a letter, by request, to my wife, but tore it up as soon as I came round.

I think I must be the first man to be operated on for appendicitis while rounding Cape Horn. Hero I am again as fit as a fiddle, though, of course, I shall have to avoid really heavy lifting work for a while.

DARWINISM IN AMERICA.

FAILURE OF ANTI-EVOLUTION CAMPAIGN.

Two years ago the United States was stirred by the prosecution of a high school teacher in the State of Tennessee for a breach of the law of the State forbidding any teaching upholding the Darwinian theory of evolution, or any similar theory of man's origin. The teacher was convicted in the local courts, but an appeal was lodged in the U.S. Supreme Court, on the ground that the law was contrary to the Constitution. So far no decisive decision on the point has been given.

But in the meantime the anti-evolutionists have been busy carrying out propaganda all over the United States for the purpose of inducing the whole of the forty-eight States in the Union to follow the example of Tennessee, and make the teaching of any form of the evolution theory as applied to man illegal. They have found little encouragement in the Northern States, but in the South they succeeded in getting anti-evolution Bills introduced in about a dozen State Legislatures. In only one State, Mississippi, has such a Bill become law, but so far it has remained inoperative, infringements of it being winked at by the authorities, who apparently are waiting a clear decision on the constitutional point involved.

In Alabama and South Carolina, two of the States in which anti-evolution Bills were introduced, the promoters have withdrawn them owing to the small support they seemed likely to receive. In Missouri, Oklahoma, and West Virginia, the Bills were the subject of vigorous debates in the Lower Houses of the Legislatures, and in each case rejected by decisive votes. The set-back in these three States was a blow to the anti-evolutionists.

Only in one case did the Bill get passed in the Lower House—Arkansas—but here it was defeated by a big majority in the Senate. In California, Delaware, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Minnesota the fate of the Bills was decided in Committee, which in every case rejected them, and they never reached either the Lower House or the Senate.

The failure of the anti-evolution agitation is very largely due to the attitude taken up by the various religious bodies, who have, almost without exception, refused to countenance any restrictions on school curricula. So the anti-evolutionists have altered their tactics, and are endeavouring to influence local educational authorities to adopt their views on evolution and refuse to appoint to their schools teachers who believe in the evolutionary theory. But in face of the united opposition of the teaching profession to any attempt to limit their freedom of thought, this move is as little likely to succeed as the attempt to impose restrictions by legislation.

At the same time of the year for the past fifteen years the door of 21, Cavendish-square, W., the residence of Sir William Arbuthnot-Lane, president of the New Health Society, has been slashed by some person whom the police have not yet identified. The other day, Sir William discovered that the door had been damaged again, several large slashes having been made with a sharp instrument, probably a pair of scissors. Suggesting that it might be the work of a lunatic, he said to a *Daily Mail* reporter: The practice began in the time of the Suffragettes, when Mr. Asquith lived next door to me. At that time his door and mine were slashed simultaneously. As far as I am concerned, the custom has been kept up. Last year the slashing was not extensive and I took little notice of it. This year, however, it is worse than ever.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

FIRST AID SHOULD BE IN EVERY HOME.

MANY APPLIANCES.

When serious illness develops in the ordinary home, particulary in the family that lives in a small apartment, the telephone wires to the corner drug store are kept busy, and messengers beat a path to the door bringing, piece by piece, the things that are necessary for the care of a patient in reasonable comfort.

As everyone knows, things purchased hastily in emergency are not always the best that can be had or the cheapest. Since a certain amount of sickness occurs in every family sooner or later, the foresighted person will have available, in relationship to the family medicine chest, the necessary apparatus.

Fountain syringes can now be had made of rubber or of metal or of porcelain. All are satisfactory. Rubber requires care and attention when not in use or it will spring a leak or be found unworthy at the time when it is needed. A two-quart enamel or aluminum can is durable. These are now made so that they can be used for the double purpose of application of heat or for syringe.

A rubber sheet saves the household linen in times of illness. In emergency, a piece of table oil cloth about a yard long can be substituted. In the absence of both, several thicknesses of newspapers can be used temporarily.

A patient severely ill will require a utensil for body excretions, since carrying the patient to and from the bathroom is undesirable.

Bandages of varying widths can now be bought in any drugstore and a supply of these kept in a cardboard box is as necessary as the medicine chest in any family where there are children.

If a patient requires fresh air without draught, a sheet or blanket may be draped over a clothes-horse to make a screen. This may be placed before a wide open window and be fully satisfactory for the purpose.

A good atomizer ought to be available among the apparatus, as the physician is likely to direct its use in connexion with any disturbance of the nose or throat.

Ice bags for the throat are also useful.

To apply heat one may have a hot water bottle of rubber. This should be emptied of air when filled with hot water. In covering it with a towel, care should be taken not to stick safety pins through it. The metal hot-water bottle is more enduring but not so comfortable. A brick heated in the oven and covered with a newspaper, a towel or a blanket is still a good source of heat.

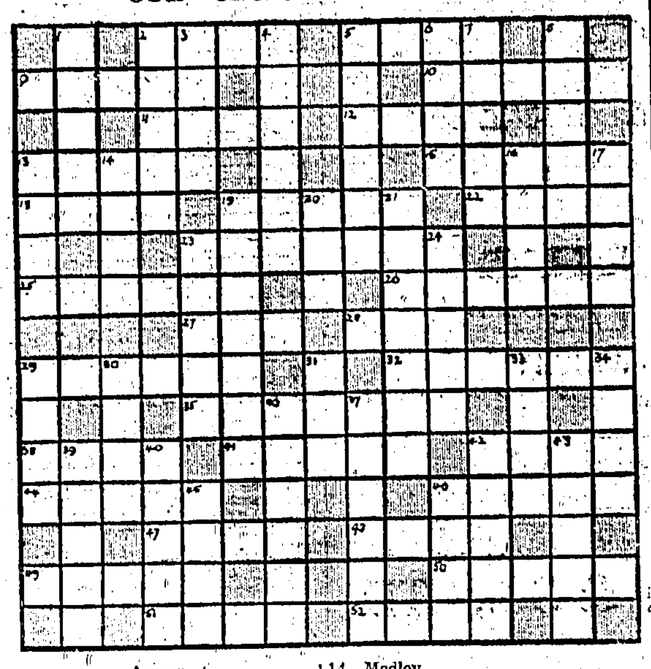
PRESCIENCE OF PIGEONS.

SENSED VIENNA RIOTS.

Berlin naturalists have been informed by colleagues in Vienna of the very curious behaviour of the pigeons who nested, until last week, in the Palace of Justice. A little while ago these birds took it into their heads to desert their old homes and fly over to the Parliament building hard by there to begin a new settlement. Their presence was undesired, as the Parliament House is maintained in a state of scrupulous cleanliness; bird-lovers who watched the proceedings were astonished, as birds have haunted the Palace of Justice for centuries and have shown no disposition to settle on any of the surrounding buildings.

It was determined to begin a campaign against the intruders, and the day fixed for a wholesale attack on them was last Friday week—the very day on which their old home was burned by the mob.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



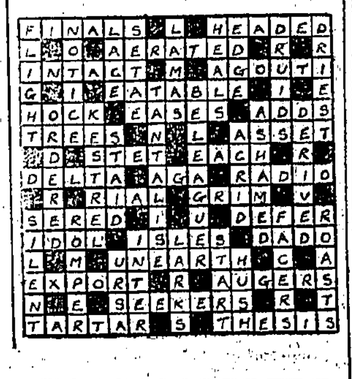
Across.

2 Genus of the lily.
5 Fasten securely.
9 Passage through a wood.
10 Long handled dish.
11 Opposite to west.
12 A necessity.
13 Stays.
15 Weird.
18 A raw hide.
19 Nimble.
22 Not one.
23 Lecture read in public.
25 Disturber of the Peace.
26 Commands.
27 Even.
28 Collection of sayings.
29 Flowers.
32 Green serpentine.
35 Rivers.
38 Annexes.
41 Shabby.
42 Soil.
44 One who ascends.
46 Part of a ship.
47 Entice.
48 Measure of area.
49 Decorticates.
50 Those who mimic.
51 Despatched.
52 Complete collections.

Down.

1 Used as roofing.
2 Proficient.
Fields (Poetical.).
4 The latter pasture.
5 Pertaining to old age.
6 Nautical expression.
7 Loaded.
8 Destroyed.
13 Pole.
14 Medley.
16 Part represented by actor.
17 Snakelike fish (plur.).
19 Stops.
20 Unwell.
21 Judicious use of money.
23 Associates.
24 Snares.
29 Hebrew month.
30 Scatters new-mowed grass.
31 Golfing term.
33 Not working.
34 Obtain by labour.
36 To be penitent.
37 Takes into one's family.
39 Under water worker.
40 Betrays.
42 Paces.
43 South American poison.
45 Artifice.
46 Long narrow strip of wood.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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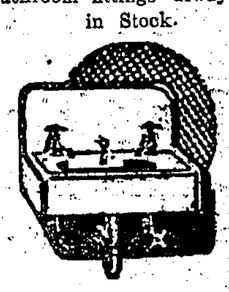

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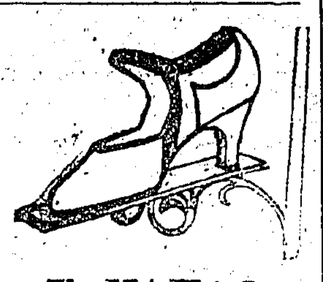

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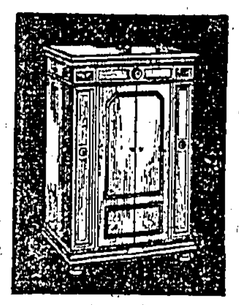

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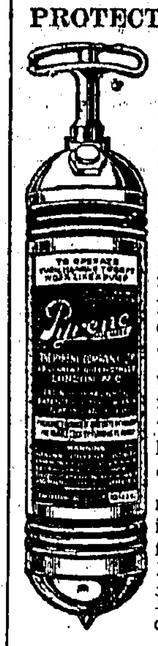

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DEATH.

SWEENY.—On 31st August, 1927, Thomas Francis Sweeny, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Sweeny, of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

BIRTH.

PINGUET.—On August 30th, 1927, at French Hospital, Hongkong, to Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Pinguet, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1927.

VISCOUNT CECIL'S GESTURE.

Although Viscount Cecil's resignation from the British Cabinet is the purely personal act of a strong-minded man whose sense of loyalty is so great that he cannot remain as a colleague among those with whom he finds himself at variance, there is in the incident much that should cause serious thought among those who have hitherto believed that Great Britain's disarmament policy is without flaw or blemish. There is not the least doubt that on very broad lines there is a genuine peace ideal actuating the leaders of the British Empire and that they are prepared to support a programme of peace disarmament. It would be utterly wrong and untruthful to suggest anything else. Viscount Cecil himself has been the champion of the League of Nations and has been in the van of the disarmament movement, and with him there has been the whole of British public sympathy and, theoretically, the support of the British Cabinet. It is when one gets down to discuss the practicabilities of disarmament—the fixing of the size of navies, armies, etc.—that Viscount Cecil has found that his country lags behind his concept of what is needed and, making a very valuable gesture of public disapproval, he resigns his seat in the Cabinet, writes an explanatory letter to his Chief and makes it quite clear that his act is entirely free from personalities and is based on a difference of viewpoint.

In his reply to Viscount Cecil, the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, says that the policy of Britain does not differ from the policy of the Viscount on broad aspects, but surely Mr. Baldwin must see that it is only when translating broad policies and principles into practical action that those policies and principles get any value beyond being mere platitudes. Viscount Cecil says, in effect, "You support the theory of disarmament but are not prepared to go far enough, and therefore I enter my protest." Mr. Baldwin accuses his departing colleague of "throwing up the sponge" but, to our mind, the Viscount is doing something more than that. He is calling attention by a dramatic and arresting act to what he considers are the inconsistencies of the Cabinet policy, and just because he is prepared to do that (when so many other men are not) his action, even though there are many who will deplore it, becomes one of great value. We agree with Lord Cecil that disarmament is one of the most important public questions of the day and that what has been disconcerting is the equanimity and calm with which British statesmen, a month ago, allowed the tri-partite conference at Geneva to break up in failure. It is illuminating to know that Viscount Cecil's opinion is that an agreement could have been reached at Geneva which would have sacrificed no essential British interest—an opinion which, as we pointed out in a recent article in this column, is shared by many of the more liberal-minded politicians at Home. We all know that Britain went into the conference thoroughly genuine and honest in its desire to lessen the burden of armaments, and that it made proposals which would have resulted in lessened tonnage, but, when it became certain that the British proposals and the American proposals would not square with each other, then (assert the discontents) British statemanship should have come to the rescue with some large-hearted and accommodating offer. Lord Cecil, than whom there is no Britisher more loyal, believes that that could have been done without the sacrifice of any essential British interest. Unfortunately, Britain did not make that offer, and we believe it was very largely on account of the foolishly hostile and bitter attitude of practically the whole of the American newspaper press towards every proposal Britain made. We were represented as being scheming and dishonest and as wanting to hoodwink the United States into letting us remain "rulers of the waves." The contribution made by the American press to the failure of Geneva was greater than we have hitherto imagined. But, apart altogether from that, Lord Cecil believes that Britain could have gone farther along the road of practical disarmament and, like a man, he has publicly said so. He will get blamed in some quarters, but he will get a lot of credit in others.

Indian Communal Trouble

There is a distinct tone of disappointment in the statement by the Viceroy on communal questions in India, which he delivered in the Indian Legislative Assembly two days ago. He concluded on a note of hope, stating that he would bend his whole energies towards bringing these "miserable differences" to an end. This comes a few days after we have had reports of further Hindu-Moslem rioting, and just before that there was the news of anti-Hindu movements of such a serious nature, near the north-west frontier region, that whole families of Hindus were leaving their ancestral villages and trekking to less hostile areas. The Government of India saw fit to step in and attempt to put a stop to this at as early a date as possible, lest the movement become more marked, or assume a permanent nature. It was declared at the time that it was hoped the hostility of the Mohammedan communities against the Hindus in their midst—in a region where the latter happened to be in a minority—would prove to be only a passing phase of communal trouble. The whole sorry business arose out of certain articles published in Hindu papers, of an anti-Moslem nature, but prompt official action against the authors thereof is likely to have had a pacificatory effect on the persons whose sentiments were thus outraged. Yet, the inter-racial, or more correctly the inter-creed clash, is one of the features of Indian life that have unfortunately become almost part of the accepted order of things. Hardly a week passes without some trouble breaking out, and the world at large is served with reports of the more serious Hindu-Moslem riots, which usually follow funeral or marriage ceremonies. It happens that the two creeds are very sharply at variance on certain rules of diet and flesh-food. The one abhors pork as much as the other, under special religious observances, will disdain to partake of beef. There are various niceties of slaughtering animals intended as food for the table, differing in the two big creeds of the country, and there are sharp contrasts between the forms of worship, with one side idolatrous and the other believers in the one Allah. That is common knowledge, and it is to Indian Government officials a constant source of worry. There was a movement some years ago for joining the two creeds in a big progressive, national reform effort, and it gave some promise of success. However, whatever politicians themselves may achieve, is more and more proved to be ineffectual in moving the masses of the people. Possibly, therefore, even after Hindu and Mohammedan legislators have abolished their differences on the public platform, the humble peasant or townsman will continue to itch to throw a stone, or wield a stick, in the fervour of his defence of apparently threatened religious beliefs.

DAY BY DAY.

THE DARKEST SHADOWS OF LIFE ARE THOSE WHICH A MAN HIMSELF MAKES WHEN HE STANDS IN HIS OWN LIGHT.—*Lord Avebury.*

There were two Chinese cases of typhoid fever reported yesterday.

A gas lamp in Belchers Street has been damaged as a result of motor car No. 1,344 running into it last night.

Among the passengers arriving here by the s.s. Tanda from Japan this morning, were Capt. and Mrs. Charnock, and the Rev. G. F. Stopford.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 12 arrivals and five departures, of which two and two respectively were British, leaving 74 vessels in harbour, British 26.

A fine of $50 or four weeks' hard labour was imposed on a Chinese who was arrested in Connaught Road Central yesterday. On his person was found 134 Po Piu tickets.

A Chinese boy, aged 15, has been sent to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to his shoulder and right arm caused by falling off a tree opposite the Kowloon City police station.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith was among those arriving here this morning by the Empress of Asia. The vessel arrived with a large passenger list, including over 240 Chinese steerage passengers for this port.

Japanese cocaine was seized at Singapore last week, on board the Santhia, lying alongside Tanjong Pagar wharf on arrival from Japan and China ports. The drug was found in the course of a search of the vessel by a party of Revenue Officers.

The local Chinese newspapers state that three officials of one of the local labour guilds are reported to have absconded with $13,000 of the guild funds, and that Chinese detectives of the S.C.A.'s department are now making enquiries into the matter.

Mr. Lim Mah Chye, one of the oldest members of the Chinese community at Penang died there last week, at his residence, The Homestead, aged 70. The deceased was well known as a generous benefactor to numerous charities, and also to Raffles College.

A public meeting of Indians at the Town Hall in Kuala Lumpur on August 22, strongly condemned the action of the *Malay Mail* in publishing the *New Statesman* review of Miss Mayo's book "Mother India." A resolution was unanimously passed requesting His Excellency to proscribe the book in Malaya.

A Chinese living at 222, Reclamation Street, ground floor, has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from a bullet wound on his head which he received in Chinese waters while on his way from Sai Chung to Hongkong. The junk by which he was travelling was attacked by pirates, who were driven off after a few shots were exchanged.

Passengers arriving at Hongkong yesterday by the s.s. Chenonceaux from Shanghai included the members of the Broadway Follies company which is to give a short season at the Queen's Theatre beginning to-morrow. The company comprises Mr. Joseph Cherpino and Miss Helen Cook, late principal dancers with the New York midnight revue, Sgr. Adolfo Bellotti, famous tenor, late of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and seven young ladies of the ballet.

ROYAL BIRTHDAY.

NETHERLANDS CONSULATE "AT HOME."

In commemoration of the birthday of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, an "at Home," which was largely attended, was held in the Chancery at the Netherlands Consulate this morning. Among those present were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and His Excellency, General C. C. Luard, with respective A.D.C.'s and representatives of the Consular bodies.

Toasts to the Queen of the Netherlands and King George were drunk, the former being proposed by His Excellency the Governor, and the latter by Mr. A. Methofer, Consul, and acting Consule General for the Netherlands.

The callers, who were received Mr. Methofer, included the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Commodore Pearson, R.N., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shou Son-chow, Captain H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rasker. Mr. and Mrs. Van Heurn, Mr. and Mrs. C. de Bruyn, Mr. and Mrs. Van Andel, Mr. T. H. King, D.C.I., Mr. Heenbergen, Mr. C. W. O. van Dorsser, Mr. C. Meyer, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. Lo Chung-wan, compradore of the Netherlands' Trading Society, Mr. H. M. Hendriksen, and many members of the Consular Body.

VEGETABLE OIL FOR LARD.

KOWLOON STOREKEEPER FINED.

The licensee of the Kowloon Store, a compradore shop of No. 78, Nathan Road, Kowloon, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with selling to Sanitary Inspector D. W. Phillips, half a pound of lard which, on being analysed, was found to have been adulterated.

The defendant pleaded guilty, and said that by an error on the part of the foki, Inspector Phillips was supplied with vegetable oil instead of lard.

The analyst's report showed that the substance supplied to Inspector Phillips contained 40 per cent foreign matter, and on showing the report to Dr. Pope (M.O.H.). his Worship was informed that according to the figures the substance might possibly be pure vegetable oil.

Dr. Pope pointed out to his Worship that if the shon *foki* had made a mistake it was the duty of the defendant to have ensured that an error of that nature did not occur.

In imposing a fine of $50, his Worship said that it appeared to him that the defendant's *foki* supplied that kind of stuff to anyone who asked for lard.

UNPAID CAR FARE.

THE DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

In regard to the Chinese who was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell for not paying his motor car fare, another man was traced by the police and brought before the Magistrate this morning.

After hearing the evidence of the two men, his Worship decided that he would impose no punishment if the two were willing to re-imburse the chauffeur with their proportion of the expenses and also return the $5 odd, which the chauffeur advanced to straighten matters out *with the hotel in Wanchai.*

One of the defendants asked the Magistrate if he could arrest the man who had caused them to be brought into Court and his Worship indicated that if the man could be brought to the Charge Room the officer-in-charge would be able to frame the proper charges.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Aug. 30.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.91
Amsterdam	12.13⅜
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.16
Vienna	34.49
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	2.7/16
Bucharest	785
Buenos Aires	47⅞
Shanghai	2/5⅞
Yokohama	1/11.5/16
New York	4.86 7/32
Geneva	25.21
Milan	89.40
Stockholm	18.11
Oslo	18.68
Prague	164
Madrid	28.85
Athens	371
Rio	5.27/32
Bombay	1/5⅞
Hongkong	1/11.11/16
Silver (spot)	25¼
Silver (forward)	25.5/16

—*British Wireless.*

The Very Idea!

A giant grave-mound from early Viking times, turned into a museum with electric light, probably unique of its kind in the world, has just been formally opened by Sweden's prominent royal archaeologist, Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf. The mound, which is considered to be one of the most important of Sweden's archaeological finds during the last few years, is situated in the parish of Hassloev, in the province of Halland, on the west coast of Sweden. After having been completely excavated, the grave has been restored to its original state and made into a museum, where the visitors will be enabled to see how their Viking forbears buried their dead.

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A well-known orchestra was giving a recital in a Fife town, and feeling very pleased at the appreciation the audience were showing, the leader remarked to the chairman at the interval. "We have a very attentive and appreciative audience here to-night, sir."

"Oh, aye," was the reply, "you can aye depend on that, they're fine easy pleased here."

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Stratford magistrate to a licensee: Is he a regular customer? Licensee: Not exactly. He might have three or four pints a night.

Dalston woman: I have four children. The eldest is thirty-two years, the next twenty-nine, and the baby twenty-four.

Clerk at Highate: What is your work? Youth: On the golf course. Clerk: That is not work. Youth: Well, you get paid for it.

Hackney lodger of his landlady: A little bad language should not alarm her. We hear it from birth.

Nottingham woman: I have reason to remember the date, because I was in a hurry.

Hawker at Lambeth: During the past few weeks I have earned nothing. The weather has been agin me. I hawk carbolic.

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Competent Courier (conducting a party of American lady tourists):—"Sir Walter Scott was born here—just opposite the Old University of Edinburgh, in 1771."

One of the party, in wonderment:—"Oh! How did that happen, please?"

C.C.—"Well! Madame! His mother happened to have been there just at that time!"

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I love to walk in Trafagar Square and look at the illuminated signs.—The Dean of Windsor.

It is often said that you can tell a grocer anywhere, but you can't tell him much.—Mr. M'Gregor (a Scottish grocer).

So long as there are people with possessions and other people who have not got them, there will be crime.—Lord Justice Best.

I want to tell you to take your hats off to the London "bobbies" for the way they handle traffic in very trying conditions.—Mr. Alfred Reeves, New York.

(Quoted by the *Daily Sketch*).

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As illustrating the respect in which Inspector Roy and his mobile companions are held by Edinburgh motorists, a correspondent recounts the following:—

It was a fine wide road, but on account of a slight mist, visibility was bad. Suddenly there appeared 50 yards in front of my car a motor-cycle combination manned by what appeared to be from the familiar garb two of Edinburgh's "speed cops."

These gentlemen were travelling along at less than 20 miles an hour, and to ride behind them, with a car straining like a dog on leash, was a severe test of patience, but it had to be done.

Two powerful cars, hooting loudly, endeavoured to pass the writer, until, scenting dangers, they likewise crawled behind. Finally there was a whole string of cars, all moving at a funereal pace behind the supposed "speed cops."

At last came a golden opportunity, and the long string of impatient roadsters were enabled to pass the first car, when to their amazement and chagrin, it was observed that the occupants were not "speed cops" at all, but officers of the Salvation Army.

Dr. Wilhelm and Mr. H. D. Rodger, instructed on behalf of the mother and younger brother of Gohann Lott, the Austrian artist who died as the result of injuries received while diving in the Hongkew Swimming Pool, have addressed a letter to the Shanghai Municipal Council asking for the payment of $3,000. The amount is based on the cost of an annuity equal to the amount of the remittances which the deceased has been making to his mother, a lady of 53 years of age, for her support.

CANTON BANK NOT TO REDEEM NOTES.

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED.

"RUN" DUE TO SEDITION.

Canton, Aug. 30.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Koo Ying-fan, suddenly issued orders to-day to the effect that the Central Bank should stop cashing its notes for five days.

Such action, according to the Finance Minister's order, is necessary so as to avoid another run on the Bank by the "reactionarists," but it has greatly perturbed the people of the city, who have already felt much uneasiness lately on account of the recent trouble with the Central Bank notes.

It is understood that the Government is suspending the cashing of Central Bank notes until funds are available to tide over the crisis.

Mr. Koo Ying-fan has detained the heads of the General Chamber of Commerce and the Money Exchangers Guild, for their refusal to help the Government to maintain the value of the Central Bank notes. Mr. Koo is threatening to hold these merchant leaders until they are able to raise $10,000,000 in cash for the Government treasury.

The Finance Minister's order for the suspension of cashing Central Bank notes reads: "More than ten days have elapsed since the run on the Central Bank occurred. During this time over $10,000,000 worth of the Bank's notes have been redeemed by actual cash. The money market in the city has thus been made very easy, and there is no further fear of a shortage of specie coins in the market. This justifies the sound condition of the Central Bank. However, the more the Bank pays out the more people run on it for cash. This can only be explained in that the run has been a seditious plot of the reactionarists, to disturb the financial condition of the city. If the Government continues to pay cash to these seditious persons, it only helps its enemies to found conspiracy machines in the city."

For this, the Finance Minister declares, the Central Bank should stop redeeming its notes for five days. Other transactions of the Bank's business should be continued as usual, meanwhile.—*A Correspondent.*

VISCOUNT CECIL'S RESIGNATION.

BRITISH NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

London, Aug. 30.

Commenting on the resignation of Viscount Cecil, the *Times* considers that the main points in Lord Cecil's indictment of the British Government's policy regarding disarmament are adequately met in the reply of Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. Baldwin remarks that successive British administrations, including the present Government, have not contented themselves with preaching disarmament. They have disarmed to the limits of national safety. The differences between Lord Cecil and the Government, he says, are the differences of method rather than of policy. The *Times* remarks that the Government will, in fact, simply have to carry on its work of pacification so successfully inaugurated at Locarno, without Lord Cecil, though Lord Cecil will certainly be missed at Geneva.

Honourable Motives.

The *Morning Post* remarks, "Everyone who knows Viscount Cecil knows that any step he takes is actuated by the most honourable motives, in which self interest has no place at all, and as men of such character can never be too common in public life, it must be a matter of sincere regret to the Conservatives that he should have felt constrained to resign his office in Mr. Baldwin's Government." But, it adds, "After all, the greatest goodwill to the League of Nations does not dispense His Majesty's Ministers from the duty of safeguarding vital British interests first. It may even be the best service to the League to avoid burdening it with tasks which it is not yet strong enough to discharge. If we have any criticism of Lord Cecil, it is that his enthusiasm has been apt to carry him to generous but imprudent extremes."

The Liberal journals generally support Lord Cecil's statement of his case, though the *Daily Chronicle* says that the opinion which he announces about the lukewarmness of the majority of the Cabinet has yet to be substantiated by an account of the nature of the instructions which he received. The fact that he disapproved of these instructions is not in itself sufficient proof that they were against the interest of the nation or of world peace. It may be that he had favoured some British commitments or some British concessions which the others thought dangerous.—*British Wireless.*

THE TYPHOON.

PASSES CLOSE TO THE COLONY.

YESTERDAY'S EXCITEMENT.

The locally formed typhoon which yesterday morning was reported to be off the Pratas passed between Gap Rock and Hongkong about four o'clock in the afternoon accompanied by a very moderate blow and considerable rain.

There were plenty of indications in the early afternoon, however, that the Colony was once more to be subject to a severe blow and many people returned to Kowloon between three and four o'clock. The No. 1 signal was hoisted shortly after nine o'clock, a typhoon having formed near the Pratas. Kowloon residents returning to Hongkong after tiffin found to their surprise that there was a swell on the harbour and that a good wind was blowing.

The wind came up suddenly between one and two o'clock rising to about force seven. The cross-harbour ferries had their awnings stripped, and some were delayed owing to the rather rough sea and the fact that there were numerous launches, junks and sampans getting away from the wharves and hurrying to the typhoon shelters.

Some Rough Passages.

Many of the launches had rough passages, and some had considerable difficulty in getting away from the Hongkong side without mishap. A good deal of water was shipped in some instances, sampans particularly having a rough time. The men-of-war were towed to safe anchorages, and the river boats, arriving shortly after the first warning had been issued, quickly ran for shelter.

The Lungshan, scheduled to leave at 1 a.m. this morning, sailed at 4 p.m., her master considering that under the circumstances, shelter at Tiger Island would be preferable to the damaging rise and fall at the wharf or anchoring off Stonecutters.

Other vessels including s.s. Sai On, Tai Lee, Kinshan, Yuet On, took shelter and moved away from their wharves during the afternoon.

A Sampan Capsizes.

The water front was packed with coolies, all of whom were interested in the movement of junks and lighters. Many vessels were held on the Praya wall with the wind blowing from the eastward, but other than the crane lighter from Kowloon Dock being forced inshore at the Harbour Office, and damaging the propeller guard of s.s. Lungshan, no damage has been reported.

Small craft ran for shelter and the Kau Sing, manned by officers of the Harbour Department was quickly on the scene, making a tour of the harbour to ascertain that all ships were safely berthed.

At a late hour last evening it was announced that no damage had been incurred and that all ships were safe, although a sampan in the central fairway was seen to capsize during the latter part of the afternoon. No report was made to the Police and it is to be presumed that there was therefore no loss of life.

Feeble Intensity.

The wind dropped considerably about five o'clock after the typhoon had passed.

The No. 4. signal, which was hoisted early in the afternoon, was taken down and no other signal substituted, indicating that all danger had passed. The many vessels which had been moved to safe anchorage remained there during the night, but returned to their original buoys and wharves early this morning.

The Official Report.

The official report, issued by Mr. T. F. Claxton, the Director of the Royal Observatory, states:—

The typhoon probably formed to the east of the Pratas on the afternoon of August 29th. It passed near to that island in the evening and caused no more than a fresh breeze. On the morning of August 30 it was shown to the north-west of the Pratas and passed between Gap Rock and Hongkong at about 4 p.m.

The typhoon was of unusually small diameter and feeble intensity. It is now shown as a depression over South China.

The wind at Gap Rock backed from N. E., force 5, at 1 p.m. to N., force 5, at 2 p.m. and to W.S.W., force 5, at 3 p.m.

At Waglan, the wind veered from N., force 7, at 2 p.m., to S.E., force 6, at 4 p.m., and to S.S.E., force 5, at 5 p.m.

At the Observatory, the wind veered from N.N.E. at 11 a.m. to N.E. at noon, to E.N.E. at 1 p.m., and to E. at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. the wind veered rapidly to S.S.E.

The highest squall velocity was at the rate of 57 miles per hour, at 2.25 p.m.

The rainfall up till 10 a.m. today was 1.25 inches, bringing the year's total to 92.86 inches.

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TAX DEMONSTRATION A BLUFF.

CANTON NOT WORRIED BY "RED" REVOLT.

"RAISING THE WIND."

(A Special Correspondent.)

Canton, Aug. 29.

The demonstration and parade of yesterday, held to all intents and purposes for the abolition of the unequal treaties, the dispensing with the local likin office, and the imposing of the new twelve-and-a-half per cent. tax, is now known, so far as the last two movements are concerned at least, to have been a superb piece of bluff on the part of the Government. For, and only now has it come to light, it is a known fact that the Government, on Saturday, the 27th August, the day previous to the parade, received a telegram from Nanking Headquarters showing the impossibility of imposing the new tax, and ordering that the putting of it into force be postponed indefinitely. Thus it will be seen that this news was in the hands of the Government whilst preparations for the parade and demonstration were being made. In fact the likin authorities had already been warned that their office would not be closed down.

Civil War Phases.

Very serious fighting with heavy casualties is reported to be taking place at Shiukwan, the headquarters of General Wong Shiuhung, C.-in-C. of the nationalist army in the field. Much ammunition is leaving here almost hourly for this district. General Wong's 2nd H.Q. is at Canton.

Fighting is also reported from the borders of Wuhan and Kiangsi. The troops of these two districts are under the commands of Generals Fan Shek-shan and Tsin Tai-kwan respectively. Both sections, together with an army of Chan Ka-yau, were at one time in possession of Shiukwan, under Fan Shek-shan's leadership, but, suffering reverses, were driven out. The opposing forces in these districts, under Hoh Lung and Ip Ting, are Nationalist soldiers, but rebels to the "cause." Cheung Fat-fui, now declared a friend of the Canton Government, and who is reputed to be a very fine soldier, was at one time in command of these rebels. He was, in fact, C.-in-C. of operations in the field, when they were part and parcel of Li Tsai-sam's army.

So with these forces opposing each other, we have Kwangtung men fighting Kwangtung men.

The inhabitants of the mountainous districts in the East River counties, have formed an army and are, it is reported, advancing at the back of Waichow. The improvised army, mostly robbers and brigands, are declared to be out-and-out Communists. Previously they held allegiance to General Chan Kwing-ming, in fact they are still considered to be his followers. The county of Lung Mun and parts of the Mui district have been captured by this so-called army. Although there is a certain amount of anxiety locally that they in their rapid advance, will eventually reach Canton, it has to be taken into consideration that the ground now occupied by these brigand soldiers is very difficult to traverse, also that they have very little ammunition. Troops are being ordered from Canton almost immediately to check this advance.

Money Easier.

The money situation has much improved although some few stores are still reluctant to accept the one dollar bill. The writer, making purchases in a large departmental store this evening, was given, after the transaction, a handful of copper coins as change. Silver as change was absolutely refused. This, as will be seen, is a trick on the part of storekeepers to discourage the use of the note. On the other hand, paper money can now be exchanged at any money changers at almost par rate.

The attention given by the Merchants Association to the Central Bank accounts recently, when everything was found to be in perfect order, has helped very much to instil confidence into the people, and consequently everyone is realizing that the Government is fairly stable—at least as stable as most of the other Governments that Canton has had.

More people are frequenting the Central Bank for business purposes, but these appear to be mostly of the poorer classes who, with time on their hands, can afford to wait attention. The merchants and business houses are now dealing directly with the money exchangers.

Bonds Not to be Met.

The Government has issued an edict stating that they are unable to meet the Kung Chai Piu, a sort of Government bond, payment of which falls due on the 15th of September. The amount involved is five million dollars.

The three million dollars in notes taken from the Central Bank and retained by the merchants, is to remain in their custody temporarily, whilst the loan of three million in silver, given by the merchants at the same time as the notes were taken over, is to be paid from the proceeds of the present two-and-a-half per cent. tax that is being levied on all imported and exported goods. The fact that the strike committee and its men have been subsisting on this for a considerable time, does not seem to have affected the Government, who declare now that they have a better use for it.

LEVINE DECIDES.

CHOOSES AN ENGLISH PILOT.

EARLY HOMEWARD FLIGHT.

London, Aug. 30.

Mr. Levine, who it now appears was not chased by Drouhin but by a French military aeroplane which he eluded, declared that he will select an English pilot to fly the Miss Columbia to New York at the first favourable opportunity. He has already had scores of offers from English pilots. He says he must be the first to cross the Atlantic from England. It is reported that Levine has instructed his bankers in Paris to pay Drouhin 100,000 francs in accordance with his contract.—*Reuter.*

A British Pilot.

London, later.

Mr. Levine has appointed the British pilot, Walter Hinchcliffe, to fly the "Miss Columbia" back to America.

Interviewed at Croydon, Mr. Levine said, "The Miss Columbia" is my baby, and I would not sell her. When I get to New York I am going to try and reclaim the endurance record for America. My baby can take gasoline sufficient for 65 hours."

Asked how he felt after his first solo flight, Mr. Levine said, "Everybody seemed scared, but all that happened was that I forgot to set the stabilizer for landing. I had it set for level flying, otherwise, all I did wrong was to try and land at 100 miles an hour instead of 60."

He added that his mother, wife and daughter will arrive in London from Paris.

In the evening Levine and Hinchcliffe flew to Cranwell aerodrome to prepare for their trans-Atlantic flight.—*Reuter.*

French Pilot Paid.

Paris, Aug. 30.

Mrs. Levine has handed to Drouhin 100,000 francs, as damages due from Mr. Levine for breaking his contract with regard to the trans-Atlantic flight.—*Reuter.*

An Admiring Crowd.

London, Aug. 30.

Mr. Charles Levine, the American millionaire owner of the aeroplane "Miss Columbia," in which he flew across the Atlantic as a passenger with Mr. Clarence Chamberlin, and which he piloted himself yesterday in a sensational manner from Paris to Croydon, has appointed the English airman, Walter Hinchcliffe, of the Imperial Airways, to pilot him back across the Atlantic.

The start is expected to be made very soon. Levine is determined to achieve the feat of flying both ways across the Atlantic. On leaving his hotel in London he paid a visit to Croydon Aerodrome to-day, and was surrounded by an admiring crowd, anxious to see the man who had flown across the English Channel without any experience as a pilot.—*British Wireless.*

THE COTTON MARKET.

BOLL WEEVIL ACTIVE IN AMERICA.

Washington, Aug. 30.

A Government report states that the boll weevil is still active in the cotton areas, notably in West Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Eastern Texas.

The foregoing report has excited the New York Stock Exchange, and created a strong bullish tendency. Prices fluctuated, reaching within 25 points of yesterday night's close.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Indian Duty Approved.

Simla, Aug. 30.

The select committee dealing with the Cotton Yarn Bill, by a small majority, approved the specific duty of 1½ annas per pound for imported yarn.—*Reuter.*

All the vernacular papers state that there is no confirmation of a rumour of the arrival of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in the Colony *en route* for Europe.

ECHO OF SOLVIKEN PIRACY.

KIDNAPPED SCHOOLBOY WRITES HOME.

RANSOM PAYMENT URGED.

With reference to the eight Chinese who were kidnapped when some pirates attacked the s.s. Solviken, a few weeks ago, the vernacular press now says that the parents of a Chinese boy, named Yeung Kam-on, a school-boy of St. Paul's College, Hongkong, one of the eight captives, received a letter yesterday from the boy stating that early negotiation with the pirates would be advisable.

The writer adds that his parents should get into touch with the pirates, some of whom are now known to be in Hongkong or Macau, and that once the go-betweens can be found, talking the matter over with the pirates will be an easy thing.

Like the letter which the family of the ship's compradore Lok Shing-sam, another of the captives, received recently, the letter which the parents of this boy have received is a very brief one. It is not stated where and under what conditions he is now being lodged and treated by the pirates.

The Chinese press adds that no news had been received by the families of the other persons kidnapped, while the letter to the family of the compradore of the ship is the only one they have had.

LADY INCITER OF RIOTING.

BOSTON PROCEEDS AGAINST AGITATORS.

New York, Aug. 30.

The Boston Municipal Court has sentenced Miss Donovan, a member of the Sacco--Vanzetti defence committee, to one year's imprisonment, for inciting people to riot and for distributing anarchist literature.

She has appealed against the sentence, and has been released on bail.

The police have arrested several youths on a charge of incendiarism.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WORLD FLIGHT PROGRESS.

ARRIVAL IN BALKANS.

Munich, Aug. 30.

The Pride of Detroit" has left for Constantinople.—*Reuter.*

Belgrade, Aug. 30.

The "Pride of Detroit," with Brock and Schlee, who are flying round the world, has arrived.

They will re-fuel and resume the flight to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

RUBBER MARKET.

DIVIDENDS AND PRICES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on Rubber and Mining Shares:—

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Jeram Kuantan	1.80
Jimahs	2.50
Kedahs	4.30
Malaka Pindas	2.40
Pajams	2.50

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express.*

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. *What is the amount of our National Debt?*
2. *In what year did the Australian cricketers first visit England?*
3. *Why is Scotland-yard so called?*
4. *Who was shot "pour encourager les autres"?*
5. *Why did Dickens call his book "Our Mutual Friend"?*
6. *Which Gospel was the earliest written?*
7. *What three countries are united to make Jugo-Slavia?*
8. *Who founded the Ascot race meeting?*
9. *By what name do we know the natives of Ceylon?*
10. *What incident was said to be "magnificent but not war"?*
11. *Who was the first king to take the title of "Majesty"?*

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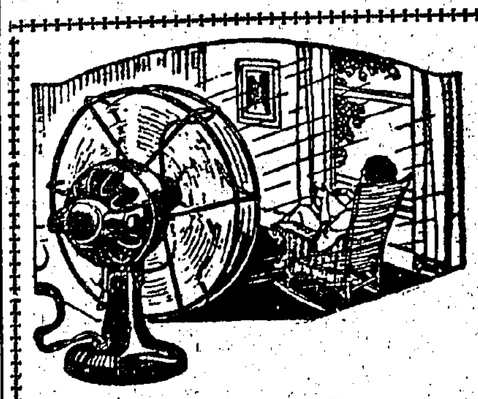

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CHANNEL SWIMMING.

MANY ATTEMPTS MADE.

London, Aug. 30.

With the belated arrival of summer weather an onslaught was made upon the English Channel this morning by four women and two men swimmers, whose names are:—

Hilda Harding, aged 18, (England).
Edith Jansen, aged 17, (Denmark).
Ivy Hawke, aged 24, (England).
"Mona MacLennan," who is really the Harley Street lady doctor Dorothy Logan.
M. Rene Doria (champion of Switzerland).
Dr. Schiff, aged 65 (Germany).

All abandoned the swim eventually, with the exception of "Miss MacLennan" who is still going strong.—*Reuter.*

Another Failure.

"Miss MacLennan" abandoned her Channel swim when 13 miles from Folkestone.

Later in the day, an English widow, Mrs. Wiedman, attempted and failed.—*Reuter.*

[It will be remembered that last year "Miss MacLennan" made a very fine attempt, almost succeeding after being many hours in the water.]

Young Lady In Coma.

London, Aug. 30.

Four women and two men have been attempting to swim the English Channel during the last twenty-four hours. All started from Cap Grisnez.

A nineteen-year-old girl, Miss Hilda Harding, narrowly escaped being drowned. She swam for an hour in a state of coma, and was dragged on board a tug as she collapsed, and then lay unconscious for an hour. She had covered ten and a half miles when she had to give up.

Miss Edith Jensen, of Copenhagen, who left Cap Grisnez about the same time as Miss Harding, had to give up owing to cramp, after four and a half hours.

The other two women who started were Doctor Dorothy Logan and Miss Ivy Hawke, who, when last heard of, were making good progress.

The two men were Monsieur Doria, Swiss, who abandoned the swim during the afternoon, and Doctor Schiff, a sixty-year-old German, who is presumed to be still swimming.—*British Wireless.*

The manager of the Broadway Follies company which is to give a short season at the Queen's Theatre beginning to-morrow is Mr. Charles Hugo, who is well-known in the Colony as a former manager of the Star Theatre. Mr. Hugo, who is taking the Broadway Follies on a tour of the world, is accompanied by his wife.

HELEN WILLS WINS.

BETTY NUTHALL'S PLUCKY FIGHT.

Forest Hills, Aug. 30.

The result of the U.S. Ladies Championship was: Miss Helen Wills, beat Miss Betty Nuthall, 6/1, 6/4.

The weather was ideal and the crowd of 8,000 spectators were thrilled by Miss Betty Nuthall's plucky fight. Miss Wills opened with the service and swept on to 5/0 with a fierce onslaught of drives and uncannily accurate placements. Betty won the sixth game, but lost to next.

In the second set, after the loss of the first game in the service, Betty was cheered by winning the second. She temporarily held her own, matching the play of Miss Wills stroke for stroke and placement for placement. Her most gallant efforts were enthusiastically applauded.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Englishwomen's Success.

London, Aug. 30.

Miss Betty Nuthall, the English girl, to-day faces the biggest lawn tennis test of her sixteen years, meeting Miss Helen Wills in the American final of the American Women's Championship at Forest Hill, New York.

Miss Nuthall has further added to her triumphs by reaching the final of the Doubles Championship.

So splendidly have Englishwomen done in this event, that the last round is being contested by four players from this country—Miss Nuthall and Miss Miss Joan Fry versus Mrs. Godfree and Miss Harvey.—*British Wireless.*

Betty Losses in Doubles.

Forest Hill, later.

In the doubles final, Mrs. Godfree and Miss Harvey beat Miss Nuthall and Miss Joan Fry, 6-1 4-6, 6-4.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

London, Aug. 30.

The following are the results of League football matches played to-day:—

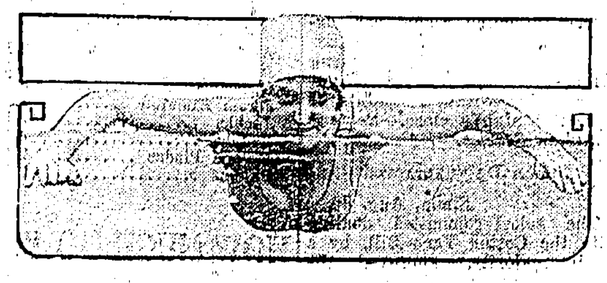
Second Division.—Grimsby 3, Reading 3.

Third Division (North).—Rochdale 2, Stockport 1; Southport 2, Bradford 1.—*Reuter.*

The Montcalm, which on her voyage from Canada ran on a submerged iceberg and damaged her propeller, has sailed from Liverpool with the damage repaired.

SWIMMING SIMPLIFIED.

BREAST STROKE IS WIDELY USED AS MEDIUM TO LEARN SWIMMING.



The breast stroke was, at one time, the universal medium for teaching swimming and is still widely used.

Take a prone position in the water, head raised just enough to bring the mouth out of the water. Place the arms in front, flat on the surface, hands touching, palms down. Turn hands at a slight angle, then press downward and outward, using the forearms for leverage, so that there will be a little bending at the elbows, as the drive gets better.

Aim to make the pull so that when the forearms approach the shoulder line they still will have enough slant to retain leverage on the water in the following movement, which calls for an inward sweep to bring the hands together.

Then turn the hands upward, palm down, fingers pointed ahead, and thrust the arms forward to starting position. Bring the hands about ten to twelve inches below the surface when they start the down movement.

Make the first part of the drive with energy, slow up as the arms become extended and pause at the full reach before making another drive.

To do the frog kick correctly, drop the knees the least bit and bend the lower legs upward, allow the knees and feet to draw apart a trifle, but with legs in normal position—so that the knees will open less than the feet.

Then, together, turn feet slightly outward and straighten at knees and ankles and with a vigorous outward and backward swing, whipping the legs together. Relax the muscles right after the closing movement, but do not begin to bend the legs again until the arms have finished their backward sweep.

Do the leg movements slowly, and always keep so relaxed that there will be no muscular tension.

PUBLIC MONEY.

SOME INTERESTING VOTES.

After the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon a meeting of the Finance Committee will be held, at which the following votes, totalling $2,000, will come up for consideration.

Health Warnings.

The sum of $700 is asked for by the Sanitary Department, it being explained that "additional expenses which could not have been foreseen when submitting Estimates for 1927, have been incurred by the Crown Agents in connexion with the appointment of Inspectors in England. Also the Sanitary Board now issues through the press periodic warning of the dangers involved in eating vegetables. Up to the end of July the amount actually spent under this sub-head was $618.11. It is estimated that the $700 now asked for will suffice for the current year." The above is to be met from savings.

Police Motor Cycles.

The Police Department asks for $900 for the purchase of a motor cycle and side car. It is explained that "$3,900 was provided in the 1926 Estimates for the purchase of three motor bicycles and side cars. It proved possible however to purchase locally two excellent second hand machines at a joint cost of $1,650. When it became apparent that the third machine could not be paid for in 1926, $1,300 as revote was included in the 1927 Estimates. Allowing for this $1,300 revote an actual saving of $950 was effected on the 1926 vote. There now proves to be a saving of $190 on the 1927 vote making a total of $1,140 savings on the original 1926 vote. The purchase of an extra machine this year is considered necessary and can be effected at a cost of $1,052. A supplementary vote of $900 is accordingly requested."

Vaccination Bonuses.

The sum of $400 is requested by the Sanitary Department, the explanation being that "more vaccinations than anticipated have been done at the Chinese Public Dispensaries. Up to the end of July the amount actually spent under this sub-head was $1,116.90 and it is estimated that the sum of $400 now asked for will suffice for the current year." The above is to be met from savings.

PING-PONG.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Two Individual Ping-Pong Championship Tournaments are now open to the Colony, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen. An entry fee of $1 will be charged from anyone joining either tournament. Places of enrolment for gentlemen are:—South China Athletic Association, Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, Hongkong University; for ladies, the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association and the Hongkong University. Entries will close on the 15th Sept.

Below is the League Table to date.

Teams	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Y.M.C.A.	2	2	–	4
S.C.A.A.	2	2	–	4
W.Y.O.B.U.	1	1	–	2
C.A.A.	1	1	–	2
T. Institute	2	1	1	2
Hop Ying	2	1	1	2
W. Y. College	1	–	1	0
C.C.M.S.	1	–	1	0
St. Louis	1	–	1	0
C.R.C.	1	–	1	0
St. Peter's	2	–	2	0
Recreio	–	–	–	–
H.K.U.	–	–	–	–

BRITISH AIRMAN'S TRIUMPH.

SPEED AND HEIGHT RECORDS.

Captain Hubert Broad, who last week established a world's speed record for a light aeroplane, of 186.47 miles an hour in a De Havilland Tiger Moth, yesterday established the world's height record for light aeroplanes by climbing 20,000 feet in 17 minutes on the same machine.

At that height the machine was still climbing at 1,000 feet a minute, but Capt. Broad was without any oxygen supply, and had difficulty in breathing.

He will shortly attack his present record, taking oxygen with him.—*British Wireless.*

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Khyber, Nagpore, Morea, Taikwa, Maru, Menado Maru, Tjisalak, Chenonceaux, Saarbrecken, Mexico, Maru, Yuanlee, Haihong, President MacKinley, Clara Jobsen, Telemachus, Tjitaroem, Honghwa, Gotha, Adrastus, and West Moor.

"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF $50 WEEKLY FOR EASY FORECASTS.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of $50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, September 3rd.) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of $25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of $25 will be divided.

Read the Rules below and follow them carefully:—

Rules of Competition.

1. All forecasts must be contained on coupons cut from the "Hongkong Telegraph," the name of address of the entrant to be plainly printed in block letters in ink.

2. All envelopes must be addressed to the "Hongkong Telegraph," 1/3, Wyndham Street, and marked "Football Competition" on the front, with sender's name (without address) on the back.

3. Any number of attempts may be sent in, but a separate coupon must be used for each attempt.

4. The prize of $50 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in twelve correct forecasts on one coupon. If there is no correct forecast of all twelve matches, a prize of $25 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts on one coupon. In the event of more than one competitor forwarding an equal winning number of forecasts, the $25 will be divided equally between such competitors. No competitor, however, will be entitled to more than one share of the prize.

5. All forecast coupons must reach the "Telegraph" office not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on Saturdays. Coupons received after that time will be disqualified.

6. The results of each week's Competition will be announced in the "Telegraph" of the Fridays following the dates on which the matches are played.

7. Competitors who have forwarded eight or more correct forecasts must send in claims for the prize. Envelopes containing such claims must be marked "Football Claim" and must reach this office not later than the Wednesday following the dates on which the matches are played, failing which they will not be considered. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

8. The "Telegraph" will accept no responsibility for the loss or non-delivery of coupons. No correspondence or interviews will be entered into concerning this Competition.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on September 3rd:—

DIVISION I.

Leicester v Sunderland.
Liverpool v Aston Villa.
Newcastle v Tottenham.

DIVISION II.

Clapton v Reading.
Notts. F. v S. Shields.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Crystal P. v Northampton.
Newport v Brighton.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Halifax v Chesterfield.
Rochdale v Nelson.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Falkirk v Cowdenbeath.
Dundee v Partick.
Hamilton v Hearts.

Name .....

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No. 1. Date .....

9. No match contained in the coupon which, from any cause, is not played to a finish will be counted.

10. No member of the "Telegraph" staff will be permitted to compete in this competition.

11. The Editor's decision must be accepted as final on all points in dispute in connexion with the Competition.

MARK YOUR ENVELOPES "FOOTBALL" ON THE FRONT, AND WRITE YOUR NAME (WITHOUT ADDRESS) ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE.

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

If you forecast eight or more results correctly on one coupon, don't forget to make a claim not later than the Wednesday following.

Watch the "Telegraph" on Fridays for results.

PROHIBITION IN BOMBAY.

HUGE LOSS OF REVENUE INVOLVED.

Bombay, August 12:—"The difficulty of obtaining the extra revenue required to enforce Prohibition appears insuperable to the majority," says the report, just published, of the Committee appointed by the Bombay Legislative Council in February, 1926, to consider and report on the financial measures that should be introduced in order to give full effect to the policy of total Prohibition.

The Committee qualify their conclusions with the reservation that they do not wish it to be inferred that all of them are in favour of the Prohibition policy.

The Committee estimate that the total direct loss due to the enforcement of Prohibition is 4 crores of rupees, besides an indirect loss of 1½ to 2 crores of rupees in the shape of the cost of preventive machinery.

Against this, the fresh taxation proposed will bring in 4½ crores of rupees.

The majority are agreed that it would not be safe to assume the possibility of raising larger additional revenue than this sum.

Gradual Application.

Some members, however, consider that it would be safe to enforce Prohibition gradually.

With this limited amount of additional revenue in sight, those who do not share this opinion are convinced that it would be a pure gamble to do so, and that Prohibition, therefore, is impossible without pressing into service the central heads of revenue.

The Committee unanimously are of opinion that Prohibition would be greatly facilitated by the co-operation of the Government of India, and that the best method of solving Prohibition finance is for this Province and the other Provinces whose policy is the same to bring the Central Government into line with their views.

If this conversion could be effected, there would be much larger additional revenues in sight.

SINGAPORE GUNMEN RESUME.

THREE SHOOTINGS AFTER RECENT LULL.

The lull during the last few days in shootings in Singapore and its environs has been broken by no less than three separate attempts by gunmen, in one case a pursuing Malay constable on the Bukit Timah Road, on Monday night being unsuccessfully fired at twice by a passenger who was fleeing from a bus from Johore that was being searched by the police for bad characters and arms, says the *Straits Times* of August 24.

In the other instance, a Chinese detective, searching a suspected bad character in Sago Lane, yesterday afternoon, was shot in the knee in the course of a struggle with the suspect, who apparently fired without drawing his automatic from his waist, placing his hand there and pulling the trigger while he continued his efforts to escape.

He was successful, getting away as the detective fell to the ground.

The only arrest so far is that of one of three Chinese, who, at the junction of Moulmein and Rangoon Roads early this (Wednesday) morning, are alleged to have been concerned in a revolver attack on two vegetable gardeners on their way to town with produce.

The Police turned out and ran a man to earth. It transpires that the shooting followed a gambling quarrel between the parties, some time previously. Only one of the three men was armed and he has apparently got away.

Recent events depicted in the topical gazette showing at the Queen's Theatre include the arrival at London of the Atlantic flier, Clarence D. Chamberlin. The film shows the machine making a splendid landing and the airman being greeted by his mother. The feature film at the Queen's Theatre is Harold Lloyd's great comedy, "For Heaven's Sake," which is being screened to-day for the last time.

PETER'S CLUB.

AL MOONLIGHT PICNIC NEXT WEEK.

September circular of St s Church Young Men's Club een issued and contains the information for members, attention is drawn to the moonlight picnic of the sea-

circular in part says:

e next moonlight picnic will e last for this Season, and no effort will be spared to it a great event. Special will be provided. The e will be 80 cents each for bers and ladies and $1.20 for members. Cakes and pastries be purchased on board. Only ill be provided. The launch leave Queen's Pier at 6.30 and will return at about 11.00 If necessary, a larger launch be hired.

Saturday Picnics.

has been decided by the Entainment Committee that in futhe charge of 60 cents per for week-end picnics will not de refreshments. Hot tea however be supplied. Cakes pastries, made by the Club will vailable on board at very reable rates.

was suggested last winter this Club should hold a "Sunne Day" for the blind and pled, as is customary in Eng and other countries. At a t meeting of the representas of the Club and the St er's Ladies' Guild, it was decidto concentrate our first effort roviding a picnic by motor car the inmates of the Blind Home Kowloon. Several kind gentlea, led by our Patron, Dr. R.H ewall, and Mr. Ho Kwong, e placed their cars at the disal of the Committee. The Setaries are soliciting the loan of ew more cars and chauffeurs. Picnics will be held on Satay, September, 10, starting m the Star Ferry Wharf at 2.30 .

The first Debate of the season l probably be held on Monday, ptember 26, at 8.30 p.m. The akers will be announced in the al press. The subject might be, hat money is essential to Happess."

So far, the number of those esus of learning colloquial Chine does not justify the formation a class. An informal meeting the intending students will obably be held during the 2nd eek in September."

LOCAL BASEBALL.

REMAINING FIXTURES FOR SECOND ROUND.

The following is the remaining hedule, including postponed games r the Hongkong Baseball League, to Sunday September 18.

September 1 Thursday, 5.15 p.m., panese v. Filipinos.

September 3 Saturday, 4.00 p.m., Recreio v. Japanese.

September 4 Sunday, 4.00 p.m., ilipinos v. Tigers.

September 7 Wednesday, 5.15 p.m., apanese v. Filipinos.

September 10 Saturday, 4.00 p.m., Dragons v. Filipinos.

September 11 Sunday, 4.00 p.m., H.K. B.B. Club v. Club Recreio.

September 13 Tuesday, 5.15 p.m., C. Recreio v. Dragons.

September 15 Thursday, 5.15 p.m., Filipinos v. Dragons.

September 16 Friday, 5.15 p.m., Dragons v. Tigers.

September 17 Saturday, 4.00 p.m., Filipinos v. H.K. B.B. Club.

September 18 Sunday, 4.00 p.m., Japanese v. Dragons.

BROADWAY FOLLIES.

POPULAR ARTISTS ARRIVE ON FRENCH MAIL

Among the passengers arriving at Hongkong yesterday by the s.s. Chenonceaux from Shanghai were the members of the Broadway Follies company which is to give a short season, at the Queen's Theatre beginning tomorrow. The company includes Mr. Joseph Cherpino and Miss Helen Cook, late principal dancers with the New York midnight Revue, Sgr. Adolfo Belloti, famous tenor, late of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and seven young ladies of the ballet. The manager of the company is Mr. Charles Hugo, well-known in Hongkong as former manager of the Star Theatre, who is accompanied by Mrs. Hugo. The Broadway Follies are on their way to Manila in the course of a tour of the world and their visit to Hongkong should give much pleasure to local theatre-goers.

SIR HARRY LAUDER'S HONOUR.

TO BE OFFERED FREEDOM OF EDINBURGH

A LIVELY DISCUSSION.

Considerable discussion arose at Edinburgh Town Council in mail week when the proposed Freedom of the City for Sir Harry Lauder was discussed. After about an hour's debate, it was agreed by 30 votes to 22 to confer the Freedom.

In moving the recommendation of the Lord Provost's Committee, the Lord Provost said that the requisition for the Freedom had been signed by the majority of the members of the Council.

This proposed honour to Sir Harry was given in recognition of his valuable services in aid of the Allied cause during the war; his successful efforts on behalf of various war charities; his unceasing labours to cement ties of kindship between the Mother Country and the Dominions; and his pre-eminence as an exponent of Scottish song and humour.

Continuing, the Lord Provost said that when Sir Harry appeared in the city he always went to see and hear him, and he had never heard him say anything that was not elevating on a public platform. Born in humble circumstances, Sir Harry by his God-given gift of song had raised himself to his present high position.

Bailie Poole seconded.

"With No Great Enthusiasm."

Dean of Guild Bruce, moving disapproval, said he was quite against the suggested conferring of this honour. He admitted the requisition had been put up to bring the matter forward but he thought that many of the members of the Town Council who signed the requisition did so without any great enthusiasm. (Cries of "No, no" and "That is untrue.")

They must go into the merits of the case carefully and see that they did not mar or cheapen this very great honour. (A voice—"Would you like it yourself?"

When the last Freedoms of the city were granted to the Dominion Premiers, the Lord Provost had said that this was an honour jealously guarded, and that the roll contained names that would live throughout the ages, such names including Dickens, Gladstone, and Lord Kitchener.

Mr. Gilzean, seconding disapproval, said it was tremendously difficult to object to a proposal of this kind. It would be to the advantage of the Council if some other means could be secured whereby the Council could come to a decision on such a matter without publicity being given to such a proposal.

With regard to Sir Harry Lauder, Mr. Gilzean said he was quite willing to admit that Sir Harry had raised a considerable sum of money during that war. In his opinion, however, this was largely due to the favourable circumstances concerning Sir Harry. Further, Sir Harry had given valuable services, but he (the speaker) knew of thousands of men who had done very much more valuable services.

He did not agree that Sir Harry had helped to cement the kinship between the Mother Country and the colonies.

The popular comedian presented a type of Scottish to the English-speaking world which would not be found in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.

It such a Scotsman was to appear in the flesh, he would say, "Take that fellow away to Morningside. He's off his rocker."

Another Great Artist.

Continuing, Mr. Gilzean, questioned Sir Harry's contribution to Scottish song. If the League of Nations asked countries to put forward songs indicative of their country, he ventured to suggest that there would be no Harry Lauder songs in the list for Scotland.

Freedoms had been conferred upon Sir Harry all over the world, including places such as Vancouver, Chicago, and Sydney. In the speaker's opinion, however, there was no comparison between the ancient capital of Scotland and these cities of the day before yesterday.

He did not wish to be unkind to Sir Harry, but he thought it was hardly in harmony with their conception of who ought to get the Freedom of the city to put forward Sir Harry Lauder as a recipient of this honour.

They might as well confer the Freedom on Bobby Walker. In his own line, Walker was as great an artist as Sir Harry, and had given joy to thousands of people year after year.

In the discussion which followed Mr. Crawford said he thought that Sir Harry Lauder was a Tory propagandist.

At this juncture Mr. Keddie moved that the question be now put. On a vote 40 voted for the motion and 14 voted for the continuance of the discussion.

On a roll call being taken on "Freedom or not," the result was as follows:

For—Lord Provost, Bailies Poole, Thomson, Hay, M'Crow; Councillors Duncan, M'Michael, Houston, Buchanan, Mrs. Morison Millar, Philips Smith, Bathgate, Raithby, Adams, Bilton, John Stark, Dickson, Harkess, Wilson M'Laren, Carmichael, Hastie, Gumley, Goalen, Keddie, Walker, Ritchie, Harvey, Manro, and M'Kechnie—30.

Against—Bailies Deas, Whitson, Nasmyth, Millar, and Herbert Lindsay; Lord Dean of Guild Bruce; Treasure Guest; and Councillors White, Bruce Lindsay, Crawford, Mrs. Somerville, Mrs. Eltringham Millar, Given, Brown, K. Anderson, Carabine, A. Young, Gilzean, Hardie, Cathcart, Sneddon, and Calder—22.

Councillors Gibson and John Young did not vote.

The proposal to give the Freedom at Edinburgh to Sir Harry Lauder was therefore declared carried by 30 votes to 22.

Lord Provost Stevenson, who is suffering from slight indisposition, was in the chair during the discussion and voting, but later left the debating chamber in charge of the Senior Magistrate.

A £2,400,000 TELEGRAM.

DEATH DUTIES ON HUSBAND'S ESTATE.

Another step in the administration of the affairs of the late Sir Robert Houston, the shipowner, who died in April 1926, leaving more than £7,000,000, has been taken by his widow, Lady Houston, the principal beneficiary.

It was recently stated that Lady Houston had received from the Inland Revenue department a claim for the full death duties on the estate, amounting to about £3,000,000.

Lady Houston, it was announced, has sent a telegram to the Chancellor in which she states:

"Lady Houston presents her compliments to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and begs to inform him that, as an act of grace on her part, she desires to present to the British Government her share of the English death duties on her late husband's estate which would have been due had he been domiciled in England; but it is her duty to remind the Chancellor of the Exchequer that to say that the late Sir Robert Houston made all his money in England is a great mistake.

The bulk of his fortune was made in South America. Therefore, not only was the money which Lady Houston proposes to give to the English Exchequer mostly made out of England, but, also, there is no denying the fact that Sir Robert Houston was domiciled in Jersey."

Lady Houston was left £100,000 and four-fifths of the residue of the estate after other legacies had been paid—about £6,000,000. Her present offer would therefore represent a sum of about £2,400,000.

UNAWARE OF HIS RELEASE.

SUICIDE BEFORE DEVIL'S ISLAND.

Paris, July 29.

"If I am sent back to Devil's Island I shall hang myself. After 15 years of existence in that living hell for a crime I never committed, and which the guilty men had already expiated, life is too painful for me to cling to it any longer."

Eugene Dieudonne, who was condemned to death, and whose sentence was afterwards commuted to penal servitude, at the trial of the Bonnot motor-bandits gang, after which three members of the gang were guillotined, has written in these terms to friends in Paris appealing to them to strain every nerve to prevent him from being sent back from Brazil to Devil's Island.

Dieudonne escaped from the notorious convict settlement and made his way to Brazil, where he worked hard and honestly at Belem. Recently he was arrested on an extradition warrant issued by the French Government and lodged in a Brazilian gaol pending a decision as to his disposal.

Dieudonne, who has all along proclaimed his innocence of the murders perpetrated by the Bonnot gang, is about to receive a free pardon, of which he is as yet unaware.

Dieudonne states that he has been treated with great humanity by the Brazilian authorities.

Rice husks, inferior tea leaves, and dried white chrysanthemums are the stuffs used for wadding pillows in Nanking, Kiangsu province. The last-named product is used only by the wealthy class. Now a new stuff has been discovered for this purpose, namely, pea skins. Pea sprouts are a vegetable food article of the Nanking people. They are made by soaking peas in water till they sprout. The sprouts are sold as a vegetable. The skins are left. In the past these were dried and sold as fuel. In recent years, however, they have been found very useful for wadding pillows. Pea vendors sell them on the street through peddlers at a higher price. This material is easily procurable, and its used as wadding for pillows is growing more popular in Nanking. Pea skins are now sold at over fifty cash per *Sheng*, or Chinese pint, and the supply cannot meet the growing demand.

NEW BIG FILM IN THE MAKING.

Cecil B. de Mille is at present making a new spectacular picture, entitled "The King of Kings," dealing with biblical history of the time of Christ. The above scene is of the famous episode of the stoning of the woman.

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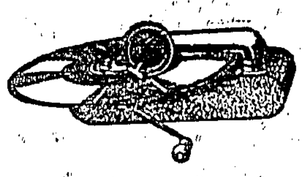

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TALES OF BERNARD SHAW.

LONDON DAYS AND DOINGS RECALLED.

STAGE REMINISCENCES.

To people who are not realists, G. B. S. may at times seem cruel, writes Milton Rosmer, the film star, in a Home paper. And it must be remembered that we stage folk are prone to be thin-skinned: I know actors who even now see red—and say it—at the mere sound of Shaw's name; and for an actor thus to foresake his acquired diplomacy indicates tremendous depth of feeling.

True, G. B. S. can say the most scathing things, but with a charm unequalled in any man or woman I have ever met. We realists (there are a few of us), instead of wanting to strike him, will, if we can appreciate character, grasp the barb whilst we are still in the choking stage. We shall observe the twinkle in the eye, the impishness in the face, the characteristic twitching of the whole body, and, observing, respond to the caress of that understanding brogue and, submitting intelligence to the larger intelligence, admit:—

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I "found" G. B. S. twenty-five years before anyone apparently had divined—any other mind at all events—that he was an idealist, a poet, and something skin to St. Francis, if not to a greater saint. Shaw's name had just begun to penetrate to the small Lancashire town where I lived. I was fourteen, and naturally a rampant iconoclast. One day I attempted to buy a book—his "Unpleasant" Plays, of course. The bookseller informed me that he had no copy in stock, as there was "no demand for Science." Before I ever went on the stage I had studied "Marchbanks" (the poet in "Canada") by heart—perhaps I ought to say from the heart. I was sufficiently responsive to know that a man who could draw that beautiful tragic-burlesque figure must have a sensitive perception, understanding, and love. I made the discovery for myself, and claim it as one of the few possible good marks I shall score at my final account. Uncharted territories were opened to my mind by the discovery.

Back-Handed.

I did not actually come in contact with G. B. S. until some years later, when I played, "for the first time on any stage," at the age of nineteen, the part of Charteris in "The Philanderers." One of the critics trounced me for burlesquing Shaw's—then—"red beard"; but I hadn't meant anything of the kind. The exultation at discovering that I must have borne even a momentary and distant resemblance to the Master, gave me temerity to try to lance with the critic. My hero-worship drew a typical back-handed pat on the back from G. B. himself in the form of a letter, which said, in effect, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

It was after that, at a Stage production, "David Ballard," that I first personally encountered Shaw. He sought me out at a dress rehearsal and told me I was going never to look back after my performance. I blushed deeply, I imagine, for I was but twenty then, and to have my future cast for me by such a dramatic "seer" was magnificent. Later I had the honour of being described by him as "the most injudicious man in London."

That was by way of being a reply to a letter I wrote to him soliciting his help for a very fine actress who was in difficulties through lack of work. He pointed out, with a clear sighted cynicism which later experiences had taught me was only too correct, that if an actress needing work applied to him or any manager, she would in all cases be turned down in favour of a more opulent and, therefore, presumably less harassed rival.

Not Relentless.

G. B. S. fell from my esteem until I discovered that the actress for whom I had importuned was shortly afterwards offered a leading part in a play produced by a theatrical partnership in which he was actively interested.

Another instance confirms my suspicions that Shaw is not always true to his relentless realism. Before the war I tried to influence him to have one of his plays filmed. One day on which I had to visit him to take him to a private view of a film, I was caught in a violent storm, and arrived at his flat drenched. Now, according to his sense of just retribution, any man who expected to obtain the film rights of one of his — under a million pounds should have been left to perish, ridding the world of an honest fool or blatant knave. But not so.

He eyed my condition solicitously. Then in spite of the fact that his flat was closed and that he had only come to town on my particular business, he insisted on reclothing me in dry things from his own wardrobe. From sheeted cupboards and newspaper covered drawers he produced a new suit of underwear—shirt, shoes, socks—and finally I was presented with one of his own particular suits of tweed—the mantle of Elijah indeed—*sans* the accompanying endowments—made to don it, and with the rightful wearer marched half across London to the appointed rendezvous.

It was a true kindly act but there is a fly in the amber. Since this occasion I have been trying to live up to the mental superiority of those garments. I feel not unlike Doolittle, the former dustman in Pygmalion, who was ruined it will be remembered, by an unexpected legacy, and who would in future have to tip his own lustman.

The Flower-Girl.

My mind often goes back to other incidents which throw a revealing light upon his eye for the stage. One day, when he was rehearsing one of his plays, a well-known actor had to address a long speech to a crowd of walking-on ladies, including a curiously attractive girl with a basket of flowers which she was supposed to be selling. The actor felt that this speech was not gripping, and looked inquiringly at the author-producer. "I'm sorry," said Shaw—"I know what's the matter!" Then, to the flower-girl, "Will you go behind all the others, and not let yourself be seen for an instant while anyone is speaking?" The flower-girl half-bewildered, half-flattered, obeyed; and the actor began again. At the very same point he again felt that he had lost his audience.

Shaw had seen a pair of white hands flung up at the back twining flowers. He went to the flower-girl, and led her gently to the O.P. entrance. "Your place is off the stage," he said. "But where?" was the perplexed reply. "In Australia," said Shaw gravely. "Or preferably at the South Pole. Nobody will ever be able to attend to my play or anyone else's as long as you are within a thousand miles of the theatre." The lady retired, but forgave.

On another occasion he wanted to remove an actor from a certain part, so after fretting for several days, he solved the difficulty by saying—"We can't let him play this part! The character's supposed to be a damned fool." Thus, an indifferent artist was made happy, and a misfit felt it was a great compliment to be recast. Modesty almost forbids me to record that he rounded off the "blarney" by adding, "There he sits, simply radiating intelligence and wrecking the scene."

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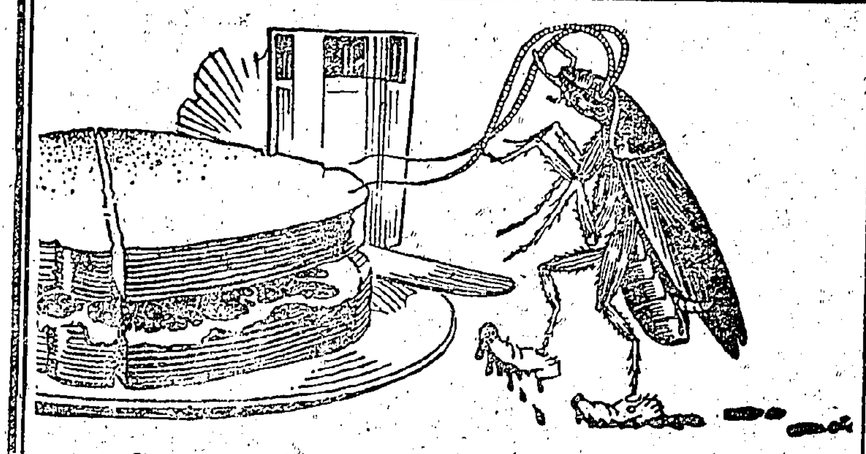

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The marine court of inquiry has found that the cause of the foundering was water finding its way into the interior of the vessel. What caused the water to enter was not known.

The opinion is expressed that the loss was not due to the default of any officers, that everything possible was done in the short time available before the vessel foundered and that all members of the crew who came to the surface were rescued. The victims died doing their duty.

It will be recalled that seven European and 14 Indian members of the crew of the British cargo steamer Shahzada were drowned in the sinking of the vessel in the Bay of Bengal on July 14. There were 51 survivors.

The vessel was bound for Burma with a cargo of coal and sank so rapidly that there was no time to launch the lifeboats.

Five boats broke away from the sinking vessel and the survivors swam to them.

Probate of the will of Kwong Tak Seung has been granted to his wife, Chan Shi Ah Ng, to whom is left property at 50, Sai Street, Hongkong, valued at $20,000.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Hongkong Bank, $1070½ b.
Chartered Bank, £20 n.
Mercantile A. & B., £32 n.
Mercantile C., £13½ n.
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LATE MR. G. R. HAYWOOD.

FULL COURT REFERENCES.

The Full Court assembled at the Courts of Justice this morning when the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, with whom sat the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks, made reference to the death of Mr. G. R. Haywood. The Attorney General, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp K.C., and many other barristers and solicitors was present.

The acting Chief Justice said: Mr. Attorney: We have met here this morning to express our regret on the untimely death of Mr. Guy Robson Haywood, a solicitor of this Court. My brother desires that I should include him also in this statement of our condolence. Ourselves, with the members of both branches of the legal profession, are attending in order that the expression of the sympathy of all who are here engaged in the administration of justice may be placed on record.

Guy Robson Haywood was admitted on the rolls of this Court on January 20, 1913. After his arrival in Hongkong he joined Mr. Leo D'Almada as managing clerk; later, he was associated with Mr. F. E. Nash and subsequently he has practiced alone.

It is not only in this Court that his conduct of affairs has come under our notice. My brother has many years' experience in the Land Office and Mr. Haywood's appearances before me at the Magistracy were formerly frequent.

We may especially remember his universal courtesy which was exemplified also in his unfailing regard for the dignity of the Court. He had recently married and we offer our sincere sympathy to his bereaved widow and relatives.

Great Personal Charm.

The Attorney General, speaking on behalf of the members of the legal profession practising in the Courts, said:

"We regret that death has once more made an inroad into the ranks of our profession. This time one has been taken who might well have looked forward to many more years of life and usefulness.

Your Lordship has spoken of Mr. Haywood's unfailing courtesy. I can personally bear testimony also to that trait in his character. He was, in fact, a man of great personal charm. It is given to few to receive with such good humour the shocks of life and the blows of fate which come to all of us. We shall miss his cheerful personality.

Both branches of the legal profession desire respectfully to associate themselves with your Lordship's expression of deep sympathy with Mrs. Haywood and Mr. Haywood's relatives in their bereavement.

The Acting Chief Justice: I will direct that record of these proceedings be entered by the Registrar and that a letter be sent by him to Mrs. Haywood.

THE TYPHOON.

(Continued From Page 7.)

The Jefferson Delayed.

A notice was posted at the Star Ferry wharves yesterday notifying passengers of the President Jefferson that the ship had gone out to anchorage, owing to the imminence of the typhoon.

Under these circumstances, passengers were requested to remain on shore overnight, the sailing of the ship for Manila being announced as for 6 p.m. to-day.

The Jefferson returned to her berth at Kowloon wharf this morning.

West River vessels generally sheltered owing to a falling barometer yesterday afternoon. Shelter was made at Wangmun, and the ships made Hongkong about six hours late.

Vessels in Hongkong delayed their upward sailings, but all left before midnight.

The Lungshan, sailing for Canton and shelter at 4 p.m. yesterday, reports encountering a dismasted and derelict junk off the West Brothers at 5 p.m. There was no sign of life on board, and the wreck had apparently been abandoned, constituting a danger to navigation. A notice to mariners is being issued accordingly.

Latest Weather Report.

The Royal Observatory reports at 11.23 this morning:

The Japanese depression has moved to Hokkaido.

The Naha typhoon has filled up.

The Pratas typhoon is shown as a depression over S. China.

Local forecast up to noon to morrow: S. Winds, moderate; overcast, with rain at first, improving later.

THE USES OF LIGHT AEROPLANES.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CLUB IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore is now within measurable distance of the time when its Light Aeroplane Club will be in active existence.

At the recent meeting of the Legislative Council there a motion was submitted to the effect that an initial grant of $60,000 be made to the club and an annual grant of $20,000 limited to five years. Presuming that this is passed, an order will be sent home immediately and two "Moth" seaplanes will be out here and in use in about two months time, says the *Straits Times*.

The promptitude of Government in backing up the enterprise of the promoters of the club follows policy in Britain, where it is realised that these clubs fulfil a most valuable function in teaching the young idea how to fly and cultivating familiarity with aerial enterprise. With a nucleus of experienced airmen who learnt the art during the war years, these clubs teach flying to young men who care to undertake it, and many clubs are now flourishing in various parts of the country.

Received with Enthusiasm.

The idea of a flying club for Singapore has been received with enthusiasm, and 120 members have already been enrolled. Of these 40 have had flying experience. Mr. L. W. Learmount, one of the originators of the club, is at present home on leave and has been through a course to bring his knowledge up to date. He will superintend the purchase of the machines and their despatch.

The Yacht Club will be the base of the club's activities. In addition to the two machines to be purchased two members may be buying their own seaplanes and other purchases will follow in due course.

Mr. G. W. A. Trimmer is Wing-Commodore of the club and H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. van Straubenzee) Vice-Wing Commodore, and H.E. the Governor is Patron.

Mr. Paling asked whether they were to understand that it was the intention of the Government to do nothing in regard to the mining question. Mr. Burton—The hon. gentleman must understand what he can from the very clear reply. (Laughter.).

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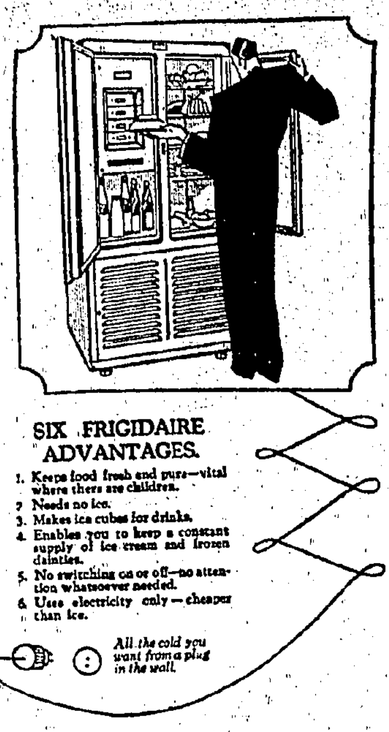

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"COCKLESHELL COLLEGE" DUE NEXT MARCH.

A floating university for women only and with an Enrollment of approximately 300 coeds is scheduled to reach Hongkong early in March, according to information made public at the local offices of the American Express Company. The vessel will supplement the s.s. Ryndam, now ready to start its second cruise around the world with the coeducational advantages abolished. The name of the ship making the cruise has not been received.

The women's "cockshell college," cruise has been organized by the University Travel Association, which is also sponsoring the Ryndam trip. According to the association officials, the women's university is the result of numerous requests made by parents and young women since the coeducational feature of the Ryndam was placed in discard.

The general plan of study, arrangements of shore trips and student contacts will be very similar to those now in process of being carried out for the second Ryndam cruise. The university will sail in February from New York and continue for a period of six months. The curriculum is designed to meet the requirements of the second term in the leading colleges and universities of the United States. The enrollment has been limited to 300 young women.

The Travel Association also has plans underway to build its own ships. Plans for the first ship have already been submitted to Phelps Brothers and Company, shipbuilders, for the building of a 23,000 ton, modern, oil burning ship to be especially adapted for cruising and study at sea.

CRICKET AT 70.

FIELDING MADE EASY OWING TO AGE.

The little village of Bishop Wilton, on the edge of the Yorkshire Wold and near Pocklington, was agog with excitement recently, for there was a cricket match between veteran teams representing Bishop Wilton and Sheepsridge, in the Huddersfield district.

The Bishop Wilton players' ages totalled 842 years and those of Sheepsridge 811 years.

When the game should have started thunder rolled over the hills and the rain poured, so both teams sat in the village inn and talked of cricket and cricketers of many years ago until the weather cleared.

Sheepsridge contented themselves with taking off their coats and collars, but an exception was Mr. Henry Smith, aged 75 and weighing 19st., who wore a white sweater.

Both teams used underhand bowling, and, as Mr. George Tindell, who is 81 and the oldest man of the Bishop Wilton team, remarked, "There war nobbut underarm bowling when I war a lad."

A new rule was invented for the game, that if the ball went past a fielder the batter scored two.

The oldest man on the field was the umpire, Mr. Sam Walker, of Sheepsridge, who is aged 83.

TOKYO NIGHT LIFE.

POLICE DISCUSS PROBLEM OF WAYWARD YOUTH.

LURE OF GINZA.

Tokyo, July 23.

The night life of the Ginza is not as innocent as it appears to the average person, according to the police and judical authorities, who yesterday afternoon conferred at the Tsukiju police station on means to cope with the situation.

The seriousness with which the authorities take the bright-light atmosphere of the Ginza may be evidenced by the list of persons who attended the conference. They included the chiefs of all police stations in Kyobashi, Judge Osatake of the Supreme Court, Mr. Iijima, head of the Criminally Inclined Youth Section of the Metropolitan Police Board, and members of the Juvenile Court.

As a result of the discussion, it is expected that a board will be organized under the name of Society for the Research of the Ginza, which will hold regular meetings.

The bob-haired miss who is proud to be known as the "modern girl" and the long-haired lad who is alluded to as the "modern boy" may be subjects of laughter and mere conversation for the usual adult. But it is the duty of the police and judical authorities to see that these young folks are not swayed to dangerous thoughts and frivolous misdeeds, it was pointed out.

It was decided to hold another conference shortly when a definite plan will be formulated to control the situation and put a halt to the waywardness of youth.

Ginza Haunt for Youth.

The conference heard a lengthy discussion by Judge Osataka on "The history and development of the Ginza." Mr. Iijima also made a speech relating his experiences in handling the criminally inclined youth of the city.

"The Ginza is notorious as one of the gayest quarters of Tokyo," asserted Mr. Miyzawa, chief of the Tsukiji police station, in an interview with a representative of the *Japan Advertiser*. "It is a regular haunt for many young men and young women. Such a place naturally abounds with disorderly conduct and much that is not in keeping with the law.

"I assumed my present position only about one month ago and am not yet informed about the alleged widespread conduct of disorderly people. It is for that reason that I have taken the opportunity to confer with my colleagues for a thorough investigation of the entire subject.

"As a measure to improve the situation, we may request representatives of businessmen in the Ginza and others who are particularly interested in the project. At any rate, we are planning to hold conferences from time to time to formulate a working plan to elevate the moral atmosphere of the district."

The conference, which will be made a regular institution under the name of the Society for the Research of the Ginza, proposes to study ways and means to prevent crimes prematurely. At the same time the society will deliberate on a policy for the future in dealing with the increasing volume of crowds on the Ginza as the centre of attraction.

List of Leading Crimes.

It is reported that the principal crimes committed on the Ginza and the surrounding area include:

1. Obtaining of money by threats.
2. Kidnapping of women.
3. Fight and general disorderliness.
4. The injurious affect of luxurious clothes on the average person.

In regard to the fourth point, it was stated that wealthier people and actresses have been in the habit of strolling down the Ginza in luxurious attire, exciting the envy of others.

The police are expected to request prominent educators and social workers to join their organization.

ANGRY SCENE AT WEDDING.

PLATES HURLED AT PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Montreal, July 29.

After the wedding yesterday of the son of Mr. J. Stillman, the New York banker, and a former milkmaid, the daughter of an immigrant from the Orkneys, Mrs. Stillman, the bridegroom's mother, whose nerves had suffered somewhat from the strain of the preparations, ordered the film operators out of the grounds of her estate.

When some persisted in working their cameras she bombarded them with dishes, scoring several hits.

The operators pressed forward to get a "close-up" of the bride cutting the cake, when the elder Mrs. Stillman rushed towards them shoutin- "Out you go! This is for friends, not photographers."

A Resounding Slap.

The camera men kept on turning. The guests looked on in amazement as the angry woman landed a resounding slap on the ear of one photographer.

Catching sight of three other camera men behind a long table laden with punch-bowls and rows of glasses, Mrs. Stillman picked up a plate and hurled it at them. The plate landed on the table, smashing dozens of glasses.

Snatching more plates in both hands Mrs. Stillman kept up the bombardment breaking windows and hitting Mr. Bert Mason, one of the photographers, on the head and another on the back.

Several Good Pictures.

The operators fled, but several secured good pictures.

Mr. James Stillman smiled merrily. The guests crowded round Mrs. Stillman and congratulated her on her marksmanship.

"It was necessary," she panted, looking ruefully at the wreckage of china and glassware. Then proudly she invited her guests in French to "come and have some food."

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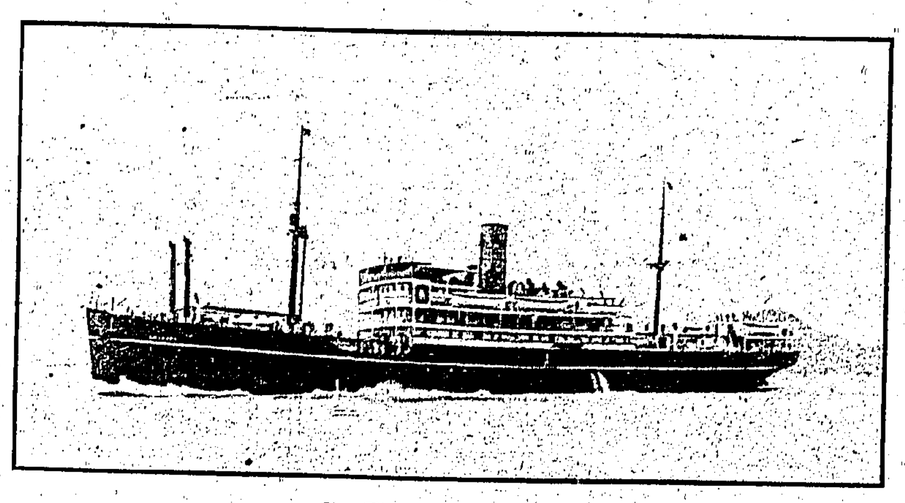

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KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	12th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	8,985	29th Oct.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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MEDINA AZ-ZAHRA OF OLD.

A RUINED MASTERPIECE.

There was once a Bishop of Granada who acted as Ambassador at Jerusalem for the Caliph of Cordoba. He knew the Caliph's weakness for washing, and brought him back a great golden bath, painted inside, and a smaller one of green jaspar profusely carved with human figures, which the Caliph placed in his new Summer palace of Medina az-Zahra, says a *Times* correspondent. The bath has disappeared, and so has the Palace; all that is left of it are the ruins, which are situated about three miles to the north-west of Cordoba, on the side of a hill. You leave the town by the west, pass the barracks, cross the railway bridge to the west of the two stations, and take a path to the right after the third kilometre-stone, after passing a bridge and an inn called San Francisco. The artillery has requisitioned every copy of the ordnance map of the district, so that precise directions are a necessary.

The Palace has been excavated and described. It was begun about 936 by 'Abd-ar-Rahman III., the first Spanish Caliph, in memory of az-Zahra, the fairest lady of his harem, or (as another account has it) it was built for az-Zahra in memory of another favourite. Columns were imported from all parts, particularly from Tunis, Carthage, and the ruined cathedral at Sfax. The number of workmen employed suggests one of those fantastic problems of elementary arithmetic which, invented to train the minds of young children, might equally well be used to prove that the whole science of arithmetic was absurd. If it took 10,000 men, 2 600 mules, and 400 camels to lay 6,000 bricks a day, while the quantity of lime required was 1,400 loads every third day, how long did the Palace take to build, and what were the hours of work?

A road carpeted with flowers, and shaded by gigantic trees (were they the huge Mediterranean pines which still grow in numbers on the slopes of the Sierra?) led from Cordoba to the entrance of this sumptuous Palace. When the Caliph passed by, the sunny parts of the road were shaded by awnings of scarlet silk. Through a marble gateway in a high wall he entered a courtyard, on one side of which were three doorways with pointed arches. Over the middle door the Caliph, disregarding the Prophet's injunction on the representation of the human figure, had caused a statue of the favourite to be placed; within, the corridors and passages seemed to lose themselves in the distance.

A "Saint House."

In the eastern part of the Palace stood a small domed "saint-house"—or so it seemed at first. It had a high, vaulted roof, adorned inside with reliefs and mosaics on a ground of blue and gold. In the middle stood a fountain of porphyry, from which rose a golden statuette of the favourite, while round the walls ran a carved wooden frieze in which one word was indefinitely repeated. This was a confession of faith; but it was faith, not in a most merciful God, but in a most beautiful lady, for the word was not "Allah" but "az-Zahra." There was no prayer niche; the space was filled by a gigantic couch on which the Commander of the Faithful might repose at that season of the year when "it was always afternoon"—a season which lasts for some months at Cordoba. Another sleeping apartment consisted of a courtyard, and the pavilions were supported by columns of rock-crystal, and in the middle there was a basin of green jaspar with fantastic decoration in gold and precious stones—the same, perhaps, which the Bishop of Granada had brought back from Jerusalem for the Caliph, while not far away stood a huge black basin filled with quicksilver which sparkled in the sun.

All this, the Palace and its dependencies, the enchanted gardens which at certain seasons of the year were heavy with the scent of orange-blossom, like Cordovan gardens to-day—all this was destroyed within 50 years of its completion by fanatical Berbers (or, as others say, by Catalan mercenaries) who formed part of the army of an exiled Caliph struggling to regain the throne of his ancestors. Efforts were made to rebuild it; but it was destroyed again, once and for all, in 1025, and the ruins became eventually a quarry for Jeronymite monks.

The excavations carried out by Senor Velazquez Bosco have revealed broken slabs of priceless marbles, reservoirs, and the remains of a fine aqueduct, primitive ornamentation painted in red ochre in the ruined corridors, terracotta encrusted in grey stone (as in the mosque down in the town), and pieces of pottery with a metallic lustre. But everything has been broken, as if deliberately, into the smallest possible fragments, and the most obvious parts of the ruins are the drains.

BRISTOL CHANNEL CLAIM.

A BRITISH "POSSESSION."

Dr. Hugh Bellot writes to the *Times*:

From time immemorial the Bristol Channel has been regarded as within the King's Chambers—i.e., within the territorial jurisdiction of the Crown. By the judgment of the Court of Appeal in the S.S. Fagernes, reversing the decision of Mr. Justice Hill, this jurisdiction has ceased to exist. In this case a collision took place between a British and an Italian vessel about midway between Ilfracombe and Oxwich Head, where the distance from the English to the Welsh coast is about 20 sea miles. The Crown, by the mouth of the Attorney-General, asked the Court to say that there was no authority for holding that the place of collision was within the jurisdiction and stated that the Crown did not claim this particular part of the Bristol Channel as being within the territorial jurisdiction of the King.

This disclaimer of jurisdiction by the Crown appears to have been promoted by the fear of the Admiralty that the rule of the three-mile limit would be weakened by extending the width of the *fauces terrae* generally accepted—*i.e.*, six miles. This fear is quite unfounded. The rule of six miles *inter fauces terrae* has never been strictly or systematically applied by any of the Powers. In fact, the rule is eaten up by the exceptions. Indeed, as Mr. Justice Hill declared, no one had ever doubted that, within limits, inlets of the sea into the land were part of the territory of the State which owned the land on both sides.

Other Instances.

As instances of claims to territorial jurisdiction over land-locked waters the entrances to which exceed six miles and which are not challenged may be cited the French claim to Cancale Bay, the entrance to which is 17 miles; the Norwegian claim to the Varanger Fiord, which is 32 miles; the Swedish claim to Laholm Bay, which exceeds 12 miles; the British claim to Conception Bay, which is 20 miles; to Hudson Bay, one entrance to which is approximately 100 miles; to the Bay of Chaleurs, which opens into the Gulf of St. Lawrence through a passage 16 miles wide; and to Miramichi Bay, which is separated by a passage from the same gulf of 14½ miles. So, too, the United States have successfully asserted their claim to include in their territorial waters Chesapeake Bay, which is 18 miles; Cape Cod Bay, which is 32 miles; Monterey Bay, which is 19 miles, as well as other inlets of a similar kind.

To suggest, therefore, that there is no authority for the British claim to the Bristol Channel is grotesque. Mr. Justice Hill's decision was in line with the principles and practice of international law and supported by previous decisions of the English Courts based upon the common law.

VICISSITUDES OF THE HAMSTER.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN ZOOLOGY.

Budapest: It is reported that the hamster-trappers on the edge of the Hungarian plain have sent a petition to the Ministry of Agriculture, begging that steps be taken to secure the artificial propagation of the hamsters, as there is every likelihood that these rodents will shortly become extinct in the district. The hamster is a larger variety of the mouse, distinguished from his poor relation by having cheek-pouches in which to carry grain to *his winter quarters.*

Hamster-trapping only developed into a popular industry last year, when some fur-dealers from Leipzig visited those parts of Bihar which remain to Hungary, and bought up all the hamster skins they could find for next to nothing. The inhabitants were informed that Hamster fur is to be the coming "craze" in America, and the Germans declared that they required a hundred thousand skins, and would pay three or four times as much for each skin in future.

This offer dazzled the inhabitants of Bilar, and there was an instantaneous rush of unemployed dairymen, bankrupt shopkeepers, and State employees dismissed under the reconstruction scheme to stake out claims on the land, where they proceeded to bait and set minute wooden traps. The farmers were jubilant at being rid of one of their most hated pests, and expert trappers (of which Balmazujvaros alone contains over a hundred) were able to earn from seventeen to eighteen pengo a day.

The success of the hamster-trappers in securing the males of the species has been so great that they are now faced with the probable extinction of their quarry and the loss of their employment.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, August 29, 1927.

One hundred and twenty-six French army tanks were prevented from leaving for manoeuvres by a burglar, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by court-martial at Besancon. The culprit, a private soldier named Lucien Moufler, broke into the shed in which the tanks were housed by means of a skeleton key and stole the essential parts of the magnetos from every one of the 126 tanks, selling them to a garage proprietor in Paris by whom he had been employed. The theft was discovered next day when orders were given for the tanks to be taken out. The garage keeper is to be tried by civil court for receiving stolen goods.

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Detectives of the special branch of Scotland Yard arrested in London recently an attractive young woman who had failed to take notice of two warnings given her by the police to leave the country. She was taken to Cannon-row Police Station, Westminster. The woman, Marie Zentiva, who is known under several aliases in this country, was arrested in her studio in Fulham Palace-road, S.W. She is suspected of being a Communist agent. When arrested the woman is said to have stated that she would return to England as soon as possible in defiance of the police. She was taken by two detectives the next morning to Harwich, where she was put on board a boat sailing for the Hook of Holland. Her photograph and description have been sent to special police officers at the ports with instructions to arrest her should she return.

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PILOT AS BANDIT?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Having prepared a break-down on a lonely stretch of the highway near plantations between Ninh-Binh and Thanh-Hoa, Alexis deliberately stopped the car when they reached this point. While his companion was stooping to pick up a box of tools in the belief that a mishap had occurred to the gear, Alexis struck two blows with a spanner and hammer which he held in his hands.

Cold-Blooded Crime.

The victim received the blows on the back of his neck, but was not laid out. He struggled with his assailant, and after a time, the latter, unable to use a strangle-hold effectively, had recourse to what in one report of the crime, was mentioned as the "apache's classic blow." Noel was killed, and his body was wrapped up in the two sacks which, after being wound round and round with the piece of cord, were further enclosed within the grilled frame.

The alleged murderer then returned to Hanoi, where he threw the body into the river from the Bridge of Soldiers.

Only a few hours had elapsed before Alexis, it is further alleged, after a short sleep, was again busy on another design, that of robbing a wealthy native family of a large sum.

He motored back to Haiphong, but failed to carry through the project. Sometime afterwards, he was traced and arrested by officials of the Surete, who had recovered the remains of his supposed victim from the river.

No details are available yet as to the end of his trial.

FRANCO-JAPANESE PROTOCOL.

NAVIGATION PRIVILEGES.

Paris, Aug. 30.

A Franco-Japanese protocol has been signed mutually granting most-favoured-nation treatment in connexion with navigation, in Japan and Indo-China, but not granting Japan any special privileges at present enjoyed by her nationals in certain districts adjoining Indo-China.—*Reuter.*

DAY BY DAY.

It is learned that the s.s. Kudat, of the Straits Steamship Co., now berthed in the harbour, has arrived here to be taken in hand by the Taikoo Dock for lengthening. Subsequent to discharging her cargo of firewood, she will be cut in two, and an additional section added. The Kudat is commanded by Captain W.H. Paddle, and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire are the local agents.

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At a recent meeting of the Penang Poppy Day Committee, over which Mrs. P. J. Sproule presided, Mr. Dawbarn said the Ex-Service Association was in a strong position. They had over $2,000 on fixed deposit and $644 in the Benevolent Fund. He did not think they should ask for a rebate this year. A Committee representing the different communities was appointed.

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Strong comments upon the system in vogue at the Johore Bahru Town Board office which, he said, rendered misappropriation easy, and upon the morality of Malay officials in Johore were made by Mr. Justice McCabe Reay in the Johore Supreme Court last week, when the chief clerk of the Town Board pleaded guilty to criminal breach of trust of $2,000. Idris bin Abdul Aziz, Chief Clerk in the Town Board, Johore Bahru, was accused of criminal breach of trust in respect of $2,000 entrusted to him in his capacity of a public servant. This charge arose out of a discovery made by the Audit Office some three months ago that monies belonging to the Town Board which had been handled by the accused were missing. Accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a year's hard labour.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 1st to 7th September 1927

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water. H'kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. H'kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	feet	h. m.	feet
Thurs.	1	m 11 52	5 7	m 5 54	3 0
				6 24 a	2 8
Friday	2	m 0 16	5 5	m 6 30	3 2
		0 20 a	5 1	6 46 a	3 3
Satur.	3	m 0 44	5 5	m 7 41	3 3
		1 18 a	4 6	7 3 a	3 5
Sun.	4	m 1 24	5 7	m 9 23	3 3
		3 2 a	4 1	7 12 a	3 8
Mon.	5	m 2 19	5 0	m 11 16	3 0
		No infer.	H.W.	No infer.	L.W.
Tues.	6	m 3 32	5. 2	0 21 a	2 5
		No infer.	H.W.	No infer.	L.W.
Wed.	7	m 4 51	5 6	1 9 a	2 0
		8 4 a	4 3	10 58 a	4 2

IN CANTON FROM DAY TO DAY.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Aug. 30.

General Li Chai-sum called a meeting yesterday at which many important questions relating to the province were brought up for discussion. It is understood that Mr. Koo Ying-fun also attended this meeting and made a report on the financial standing of the Central Bank of China.

It is reported that General Li strongly urged the immediate restoration of the credit of the Central Bank as otherwise the entire government machinery would be clogged. The General believed that the merchants should be taken into confidence as their support and co-operation are necessary.

Unlucky Cadets.

When a batch of graduates from the Whampao Military academy returned here on Sunday from the North, a sad tale was related of their ill-luck in Nanking. Among these cadets were a son of General Chen Ho-yuk and a brother of General Chu King-tong, both well-known commanders in Canton.

Shortly after the graduates arrived at Nanking, Marshal Chiang, the President of the Academy, gave up his command. The officers of the cadets found that Nanking was not comfortable for them and followed the Marshal to Shanghai. These poor cadets were left destitute and even without rations. Altogether 1,700 left Canton for Nanking. Must of the cadets are Chekiang men and, failing to obtain commissions, they went over to other generals. Only about 200 returned the day before yesterday, and they are all Cantonese.

Public Health.

Mr. Ho Cheung-chik has been appointed as the City Commissioner of Public Health to succeed Dr. Sze To-chiu, who has resigned. The new appointee is making every effort to stamp out cholera in Canton, the deaths from which are as high as 300 in one week.

Mr. Ho is paying special attention to the slaughter houses which are in an insanitary condition and from which cholera has spread.

Swatow Conditions.

General Ho Chup-ng, garrison commander of Swatow and concurrently Chief of Police, has decided to resign these two posts. Advices from that port state that the conditions there are rather unsettled. On the 27th inst. a bomb exploded in the dining hall of a labour union, killing two persons and injuring more than four others.

In view of this chaotic state of affairs, General Ho is determined to quit, despite the remonstrances of his brother, General Ho Ying-yam. It is understood that General Wong Chun, a follower of Chiang Kai-shek, has been appointed to succeed Ho Chup-ng.

U. S. AIRMEN LAND IN MEXICO.

TEMPORARY DETENTION BY AUTHORITIES.

Mexico City, Aug. 30.

The customs authorities at Ojinaga, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, report that two United States aviators, Captain Reynolds and Staff Sergeant Newlands, landed in Mexico and have been detained because they lacked the Government's permission to fly over Mexico.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mexico City, later.

The Treasury has instructed the Customs to release Reynolds and Newlands, provided they are satisfied that the airmen's landing was not connected with smuggling.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DUTCH STEAMER WRECKED.

TOTAL LOSS IN HOOGHLY COLLISION.

Calcutta, Aug. 30.

The Dutch steamer Calcutta, with a cargo of sugar from Java, collided with the German steamer Rabenfels and is reported to be sinking at the Hooghly entrance.—*Reuter.*

Calcutta, later.

The steamer Calcutta will be a total loss.—*Reuter.*

Mr. J. Buchanan, chief engineer of the dredger Tembakul, which arrived in Penang a while ago to carry out work on Weld Quay, has been missing since Saturday, of last week, and the police are investigating.

LIGHT KEEPER'S DECISION.

SCOTTISH SABBATARIAN CONTROVERSY.

The dismissal by the Clyde Lighthouse Trust of Mr. Norman Shaw because of his refusal to undertake certain duties for a wireless test in Toward Lighthouse on the Sabbath continues to be the subject of a keen controversy in Scotland. Since the matter was raised in the House of Commons by Mr. Macquiston, the threatened dismissal has been carried into effect, and Shaw has left the lighthouse. A meeting of protest is to be held in Glasgow, says a Home paper of mail week.

Shaw's contention is that the test could as easily have been carried out on a week-day, and he therefore felt compelled for conscientious reasons to decline to obey the command of his superior officer. The lighthouse authorities, however, point out that it is only on Sunday, when the telephone lines are clear, that it is at all possible to carry through such tests with any satisfactory result.

Shaw is a typical Highlander and a native of the Island of Harris, where the old Sabbath traditions are still strictly maintained. He is a member of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, one of the smaller of the Scottish sects, which is not of course, to be confused with the Free Church of Scotland, popularly known as the "Wee Frees." During the time he was on duty in Toward Lighthouse he was accustomed to cycle the six miles to church on Sundays, although it is asserted by his supporters that he never refused to give up his church-going when Sunday work of real necessity had to be performed.

The protest meeting, to be held in Glasgow this week, is being anticipated with no little interest. Shaw himself has promised to attend, and influential supporters are said to be coming forward on his behalf.

A WEDDING OF SEVENS.

EVEN TO THE BRIDE'S LATENESS.

There was a bride in London last month who believed so much in the number seven that as she waited in her apartments at the Savoy Hotel, and the hour of the wedding was about to strike, she declared that she must keep her bridegroom waiting seven minutes --and she was seven minutes late in arriving at the Savoy Chapel.

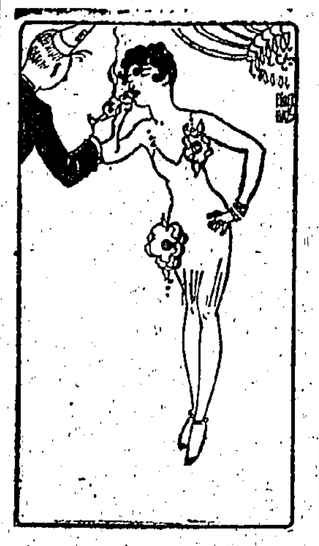
The bride was the Countess O'Byrne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Capener, the Hurst Manor, Hersham, Surrey, and she was married to Flight-Lieut. J. A. Glen, D.S.C., who during the war was responsible for bringing down 47 enemy machines.

It was a wedding of sevens.

The bride was 27, the bridegroom 37, and the best man 47. The wedding had been postponed a few days so that it could take place on the 27th of the seventh month of 1927. On the seventh of this month the bride went to Paris to order her wedding dress --a replica of a wonderful old 16th Century costume which she remembered seeing in a picture when she was seven years old.

Seventeen dozen bunches of lilies were used to decorate the Savoy Chapel, and after the ceremony 70 guests gathered for the reception—but there were only seven guests at the bride's table. There were seven tiers on the wedding cake, and they drank wine number 77, and this was also the number of her hotel suite.

Later the pair left on a seven month's honeymoon.



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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. 7,533 millions. 2. 1876. 3. Because of the Scots who crowded to London with James I. 4. Admiral Byng. 5. To annoy Dr. Kennedy, who said the phrase was not English. 6. St. Mark. 7. Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia. 8. William Duke of Cumberland. 9. Cingalese. 10. Charge of the Light Brigade. 11. Disraeli. 12. Charles V. of Spain.

Dr. William Caldwell, Professor of Philosophy at McGill University, Montreal, gave a lecture in Warsaw on Tuesday on the development of Canada and the possibilities of Polish emigration before a large audience, including representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the British Charge d'Affaires.